First day of spring arrives Friday

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City council revises burning ordinance

Marion City Council on Monday gave final approval to amending the city ordinance on burning laws to bring it in line with Kentucky statutes. The amendment deletes language that appeared to allow burning inside the city for the disposal of household rubbish. However, state law, which supercedes local ordinances, does not allow for such burning. Outdoor burning is allowed only for natural plant matter, such as brush and woody debris.



School calendar adjusted by board

It looks as if the school calendar in Crittenden County hinges on Gov. Steve Beshear's signature. At Tuesday night's Crittenden County Board of Education meeting, board members approved amending the calendar to account for days missed because of this year's dual winter storms. The revision, however, is dependent on the governor signing into law Senate Bill 119, which gives school districts some latitude in making up snow days.

Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said if the bill is signed, then the last day for students would be May 29, with graduation set for the same evening. However, school would be in session on Election Day, May 19. Under this plan, spring break will not be affected and schools will remain closed on Memorial Day.

As for the remainder of the time missed due to snow, Clark said enough hours are already in place to meet the required hours of instructional time. The middle and high schools have extra instructional time in their day because they don't have recess. The elementary school will adjust its recess to recapture the lost instructional time.

Clark said if the legislation is not signed, the board would have to revisit adjusting the calendar. He added that having school in session on Saturdays could be an option in that case.

Meetings

- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the judge-executive's courthouse office. The first reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget for Crittenden County Detention Center will be given.

- Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in the education building on the hospital campus.

- Crittenden County Election Board will meet at 9 a.m. Friday in County Clerk Carolyn Byford's courthouse office.

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the district office on East Main Street in Salem.

- Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors will hold its annual public meeting at noon Tuesday in the education building on the hospital campus. The public is invited.

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Farmers Bank expanding into Henderson

STAFF REPORT

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion is planning to expand into Henderson before the end of summer. This will be the 115-year-old community bank's second branch outside of Crittenden County and fourth location overall.

"We've said for quite some time that if the opportunity arises, we would expand," bank President and CEO Wade Berry said in announcing the plans.

Berry said bank officials began talking about expanding into Henderson in December, shortly after Fifth Third Bank closed one of its Henderson branches and put the building up for sale. The site is located at 1555 S. Green St.

Farmers Bank recently signed a contract to purchase the building. A purchase price was not released, as the deed has not yet been filed.

The location is the first bank along a busy U.S. 60 as you enter Henderson from the south. The 3,228-square-foot building will be renovated and is planned to open sometime this summer.



Berry

Founded in 1899, Farmers Bank has approximately $140 million in assets. Besides the main office on South Main Street in Marion, there is a branch with a drive-through on North Main Street and a full-service branch in Salem.

The Henderson location will also be a full-service bank, serving a market of an estimated 46,350 residents in Henderson County.

Berry said expanding into Henderson County is a natural fit for the bank.

"We've always believed that the recipe for success in community banking is great people serving great people," Berry said, "and we have great people to help us expand into Henderson County."

Henderson resident and long-time Henderson banker Terry Emrick will be the new branch's community president in Henderson. Emrick, who currently serves as vice president and senior loan officer with Farmers Bank, spent 10 years as president of the former Bank of Henderson.

"I couldn't be more excited to return to work in the Henderson market," said Emrick.

Besides Emrick, Berry

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High water



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

The Cave In Rock Ferry was closed last Thursday evening due to floodwaters from the Ohio River covering the Ky. 91 North approach to the ferry landing. The service is expected to be shut down for several more days.

Flooding keeps ferry, roads closed

STAFF REPORT

Locally heavy rains and snowmelt have given rise to rivers, creeks and streams across Crittenden County, leading to the closure of the Cave In Rock Ferry and many highways and roads.

The ferry was closed last Thursday evening due to floodwaters from the Ohio River covering the Ky. 91 North approach to the ferry landing. It will likely remain closed for several days, as the Ohio River is not expected to crest at 48.5 feet at Shawneetown, Ill., until Saturday, according to the National Weather Service in Paducah.

The ferry does not operate above 42.5 feet as measured at Shawneetown. Flood stage is 33 feet.

Meantime, the list of road closures due to high water includes multiple state highways and numerous county roads.

At press time Tuesday, besides Ky. 91 North at the ferry landing, Ky. 132 was closed at the Crittenden-

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County offers free collection of waste tires starting today

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County residents will have an opportunity to dispose of their waste tires for free this week.

Crittenden Fiscal Court, in partnership with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management, will be hosting a waste tire collection event today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday at the county road department just east of Marion on U.S. 60. The road department will be open for collection of tires from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.



The Kentucky Division of Waste Management estimates that about 4 million scrap tires are generated annually in Kentucky.

The Waste Tire Collection Program, established in 1998, is an ongoing effort to rid Kentucky's landscape of waste tires. Tires dropped off this week at the road department are recycled through "beneficial end use" markets to become products such as tire-derived fuel or crumb rubber.

The program is supported by the Waste Tire Trust Fund, which is funded when tire retailers collect a $1 fee on all new replacement motor vehicle tires sold. Retailers may retain 5 cents to offset administrative costs, but the balance is required to go into the Waste Tire Trust Fund, which is dedicated to managing scrap tires and developing sustainable markets for recycled tire products.

To date, tire amnesty is responsible for the proper disposal of more than 19 million waste tires. The state has also developed an important end-use market with Owensboro

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Teen's wish to donate organs keeps memory, others alive

By JASON TRAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When Kathy Railey reflects on the life on her granddaughter, Gabrielle Maria "Gabby" Schanz, many cherished memories come to mind. Among those are her acts of selflessness.

Schanz died June 30 of last year at the age of 14 as a result of ATV accident on Long Branch Road in Crittenden County. Railey said even at a young age, her granddaughter had great compassion toward others. Now, faculty, staff and Schanz's classmates are honoring her life with a memorial at Crittenden County Middle School.

Railey said her granddaughter, who lived with her on Long Branch Road, was a typical teenager. She enjoyed her friends, school, playing basketball and horseback riding. She was also touched by the needs of others.



Schanz

The teenager participated in Locks of Love on three occasions, donating at least 11 inches of her own hair each time. Locks of Love, a non-profit organization, accepts donations of human hair to provide hairpieces to children suffering from hair loss due to medical treatments like those for cancer.

Schanz had also expressed an interest in registering as an organ donor, and upon her death, her grandmother fulfilled her wish. Railey said it's been a

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Deckert murder trial scheduled to begin next week in circuit court

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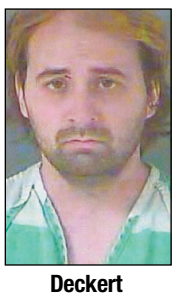
The Britt Deckert murder trial is scheduled for three days in Crittenden Circuit Court starting next week.

A large jury pool is expected to be brought in early March 26 to begin the selection process. Twelve jurors and alternates will be selected to hear the case. The trial is set for next Thursday, Friday and the following Monday.

Deckert, 27, is charged with capital murder, second-degree assault and first-degree wanton endangerment for an alleged attack on his half-brother, Almanzo Vasseur, and Vasseur's wife, Phyllis, on Aug. 1, 2013.

Almanzo Vasseur died of multiple stab wounds and lacerations. Phyllis Vasseur suffered cuts to her arms and hands during the attack. She has since recovered.

The Vasseur's 13-year-old daughter was also reportedly at the scene when the alleged attack began. According to police reports, the teen and her mother escaped out of the back door of the West Depot Street home they shared with the suspect.



Deckert

Almanzo Vasseur also fled the home. However, he collapsed on the doorstep of a neighbor's house where responding police found him in a pool of blood. Vasseur died a short time later at Crittenden Health Systems.

Deckert had been jailed under a $1 million bond at Crittenden County Detention Center since his arrest the day of the alleged murder. However, he was transferred to the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center in LaGrange on Monday for a court-ordered evaluation. It was not clear from court records when he might return to the county. Most of the records have been sealed.

Also, there was no immediate indication that the court had considered delaying the trial.

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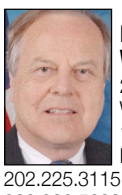
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SUNSHINE WEEK YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

March 15-21, 2015, has been set aside as Sunshine Week in the United States. Though created by journalists, Sunshine Week is about the public's right to know what its government is doing and why.

Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.

Participants include news media, government officials at all levels, schools and universities, libraries and archives, individuals, non-profit and civic organizations, historians and anyone with an interest in open government.



U.S. lags behind other nations in freedom of information laws

By DAVID CUILLIER
GUEST COMMENTARY

Sunshine Week has helped foster government transparency in the United States during the past 10 years, but while we have focused inward at state and federal transparency the world has passed us by.


Cuillier

Open government efforts in the U.S. have helped create a federal ombudsman program and had led to some helpful amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). No doubt Sunshine Week has helped with the improvements. Public exposure was sorely needed since the years of increased post-9/11 secrecy. It is imperative that the public understand the importance of open government, and Sunshine Week has played a critical role. The week makes for a great "news peg" – a reason for journalists to write about transparency.

But setbacks in the past 10 years include more exemptions, fees, delays and sophisticated spin tactics by government officials to thwart access. Meanwhile, amazing things have been happening all around us in the world, and in many ways other countries have outpaced the United States.

Since 2005, the world has seen 45 countries adopt FOIA laws, for a total of 103 nations. The most recent adoptee was Mozambique in December.

Nations with FOIA laws now include Russia, China, Uganda, Tunisia, Afghanistan and Rwanda. Many of their laws are much stronger than U.S. FOIA.

For example, in China government officials are required to waive fees for the indigent and help the disabled and illiterate with requests. In Liberia the right to access public records is in its constitution, not so in the United States. South Korea applies its FOIA to all three branches of government, not just the executive branch as it is here. Armenia and Romania agencies are required to respond to a FOIA request within five days, not the 20 working days given to U.S. agencies.

Many other nations have put teeth in their laws. Mexico provides an independent agency to adjudicate request disputes. In India, agencies that don't follow the law can be fined. Ethiopia provides a public records ombudsman who can force agencies to cough up records – the U.S. Office of Government Information Services ombudsman does not have that enforcement power.

In many countries the law requires the education of the public in their right to know. The state of Sinaloa in Mexico dictates FOI be taught in the schools. Russia, Norway and other countries require agencies to post online lists of their records and databases. A Colombian law enacted in January requires agencies to provide public records in different languages.

Indeed, world ratings of FOIA laws show that the U.S. is falling behind. Access Info Europe and the Centre for Law and Democracy rate the strength of FOIA laws and place the U.S. at No. 44 in the world, behind such countries as Uganda, Russia and Kyrgyzstan. Mexico's law ranks seventh.

Granted, just because there is a law doesn't mean government officials will follow it. Many countries have adopted FOIA laws simply to encourage foreign investment and play ball internationally, with little regard for their citizens or press. And there are disagreements over the ability to accurately rate the strength of FOIA laws.

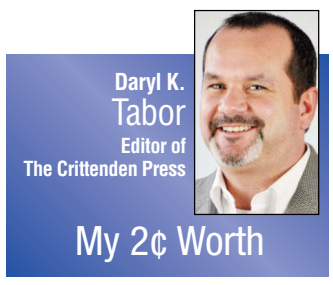
Public records audits show that access can be difficult in the trenches, regardless of what the law says. On average, for example, police departments in the United States will illegally deny access to simple crime logs about three-quarters of the time. I doubt it's much better in Russia or China.

But laws do matter, and we can learn a lot from other countries. We should look around the world, identify the best practices internationally, and craft stronger state and federal public record laws.

That global perspective is essential if we want to better serve citizens and democracy in the United States for the next 10 years, and beyond.

(Editor's note: David Cuillier, Ph.D., is director of the University of Arizona School of Journalism and Freedom of Information Chairman of the Society of Professional Journalists. He is co-author with Charles N. Davis of "The Art of Access: Strategies for Acquiring Public Records," and "Transparency 2.0: Digital Data and Privacy in a Wired World.")

Wintry weather not bad for all business



Monday was the warmest day of the year so far, bringing with it a bright sunshine that melted all but the most towering piles of snow. A harbinger of spring's arrival, the day helped erase the bitter feelings left by Old Man Winter among the local business community... well, most of it.

Yes, as the new season settles in Friday, there are a few who will look back at winter perhaps with a longing. Count among the penguins, polar bears and snowmen, the owners and managers of grocery stores.

"Winter storm warnings are good for business," Mike Wasielewski, former manager of Conrad's Food Store, said following this month's whiteout. "That kind of weather is a plus for us."

No, that was not a misprint, and Mike is not crazy.

While the blood of most business owners and managers runs cold in the face of winter storm forecasts, those in the grocery business enjoy a good snow as much as students looking for a day off.

If you've ever tried to buy a bag of chips and dip for supper on the final day leading up to a winter storm, you know why. The aisles of grocery stores are jammed with last-minute shoppers for bread, milk and eggs.

It's a madhouse.

Wasielewski said business ground to a halt as the wintry mix began to fall on March 4 and into the next day. But the day prior to and the morning of the storm, Conrad's was so busy it was hard to keep food on the shelves.

"We are very busy before and very dead when the snow is on the ground," the grocery store veteran said. "But the net result is an improvement in business."

As the roads begin to clear, business picks back up, too. Kids are home from school as hungry as ever, and heading out of town to eat is not really an option, so people tend to stay close to home and shop the grocery aisles.

Wasielewski did counter, however, that ice storms like the ones that hit in 2008 and 2009 are nobody's friend.

In the snow, restaurateurs clearly struggle. Weather can shut eateries and slow traffic. Unlike with retail stores and some service providers, people don't put their dining on hold until the weather breaks. People have to eat, and I don't know many who are likely to save up all their meals until the roads clear.

"It didn't help me," Just-A-Burg'r owner Richard Cruce said of this year's snows. "It wasn't really, really bad, but it was bad enough."

At Johnson's Furniture & Appliances and Tabor's Towing & Repair, the heavy snow created a log-jam in scheduling services. At Johnson's, deliveries, installs and in-home repairs had to be pushed back until the roads and drives were safe.

"Then, you have a back-up occur," said Patti Merrill at the furniture store.

And certainly, retail traffic at the store was slowed.

Scott Tabor offers little positive about how winter storms affect his service station, other than a pre-storm run on wiper blades. While the wrecker calls keep coming, they hardly make up for the cancellations and business lost because parts and tire deliveries are hampered.

Slick roads and homebound readers are hardly good for paper sales either.

Winter is likely a memory at this point, so business is getting back to normal across town. But you'll pardon the grocery stores if they might like one last visit from Old Man Winter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two facts incorrect in recent Tolu story

To the editor

About a month ago, The Crittenden Press ran an article on the Tolu Community Center, which I appreciated. However, let's get the facts straight. The writer stated that the school was closed nearly three decades ago. I was taught at Tolu that a decade was 10 years.

For we who worked to keep the school open for many years past the time the board of education initially wanted to close the school, the closing year sticks in our minds. I knew it closed in May of 1998, not even two decades ago. Just to be sure, I had the board office verify that date.

I also noticed that the last names of two notable Grand Ole Opry stars (Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs) were reversed.

I have always thought you printed the best weekly paper I've ever seen, but if there's a doubt, check the facts.

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As a Kentucky retiree, I decided to view what Kentucky's tourism had to offer my boredom. Hey Google search. Hello Kentucky Tourism page. What's this, Kentucky powwows, music, dance, vendors, all stuffed into Kentucky city parks, public parks, state parks, federal parks, etc.? Some a couple hours ride. Some a day's drive. Sounds good. Well, off we go.

Four years later, OOPS! What Kentuckians' tax monies are promoting shamed this Kentuckian. Traveling 15 years east, north, west and south, I had seen honor. Been blessed, sitting among so many diversities of Indian peoples, witnessing all the many diverse differences. However, in Kentucky homelands, though different diversities existed, there were no diversity differences, just a selfishness, a struggle for control when another diversity asked to dance to honor their ancestors in their Kentucky ancestors' homelands. Stereotypes, myths, discriminating teachings pushed the honoring aside. Their Kentucky woodland people's heritage was ignored.

Seeking answers, Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission was contacted. Tax-funded commission's reply? These Kentucky powwows are a western plains people's tradition. Reviewing Kentucky powwow advertisements, the powwows, by truth in their marketing, had not stated they were a western plains people's tradition. Nor did any powwow attended ever state or educate to those in attendance. This commission's stated fact.

More confusion. Part of the powwow sponsors are not Indian. Most of powwow sponsors are not western plains people's. The majority of powwow demonstrators are not western plains people's. By observation, these powwows are a Pan-Indian, intertribal, New Age, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. (Refer to mentioned commission's stereotypes and myths promotion.) Evidently, powwow sponsors, demonstrators promote there is only one kind of an Indian today. Diversity differences have no space.

Wrote three Kentucky representatives. No reply. There is a need for an in-depth investigative look into how Kentuckian's tax monies are disbursed to 501(c), 501(k) to organizations that promote, teach, stereotypes and myths discriminating teachings. There is an enforcement need for truth in marketing. Integrity in diversity education. Integrity by and in education. There is a need to change Kentuckians' Native American Heritage Commission title. Indian Americans are not included verbally. These Kentuckians' tax monies could assist Kentuckians' tax monies cut after-school programs, Head Start programs, heroin-free programs, etc. "Priorities."

I would hope Kentuckians' new governor would not constitute an anything-is-better-than-nothing policy in preserving Kentuckians' woodland Indian people's heritage of past or their descendents present day. "Integrity."

Under the Bill of Rights, Amendment One, this Kentuckian is asking for "a redress of grievances."

Leslie A. Burris
Crayne, Ky.

Legislative work left undone due to petty issues



Last week was short on days, but as is normal in Frankfort, there was much activity as the 2015 regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly nears its end.

House Bill 69 requires health benefit plans to cover colorectal cancer screening for people who are 50 years old or older, as well as those who are under 50 who are at high risk for colorectal cancer. This is one of those bills that sounds great, but doesn't look as good as it sounds when the details of the bill are examined.

The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) is a nonpartisan agency of our state government that supports the General Assembly, and it has determined that HB 69 would cause insurance premiums to rise. In addition to the additional cost of insurance, the bill only addresses the private sector – it does not place the same requirement on the public sector. One of the reasons mentioned as to why the state wasn't required to provide the same coverage to its employees as private sector employers is that the commonwealth couldn't afford it.

Based on these two issues alone, I voted no on the bill. The bill, however, did pass both the House and the Senate and at press time it was awaiting the governor's signature or veto.

Child abuse and snow day provisions are found in Senate Bill 119, which has been approved by both chambers of the General Assembly. The bill requires child abuse prevention, recognition and reporting training in public schools by early 2017 and every two years thereafter. This requirement is for all current school administrators, certified personnel, office staff, coaches, instructional assistants and extracurricular sponsors. The bill also requires new employees in those capacities to complete the training within 90 days of being hired and then every two years thereafter. The training may be either Web-based or in person, and each local school board may choose from a list of trainings approved by the Department of Education.

With the weather wreaking havoc on this school year's calendar, SB 119 also gives school districts until this June 5 to meet all 1,062 school instructional hours required by state law. If, however, a school district determines that it is unable to meet the instructional hours requirement by June 5, the district by May 1 shall request assistance from the commissioner of education to determine a plan that will enable the instructional hours requirement by June 5. Any hours remaining that cannot be made up could be waived by the state. The bill also allows school districts to be open on this year's primary election day if no school is used as a polling place.

Because of the mandate that schools implement the program and because no money was appropriated to help schools meet the training requirement, I was tempted to vote no. Due to the serious nature of child abuse coupled with the need for schools to develop a plan to meet the required number of instructional hours, however, I voted yes. The bill passed in both the House and the Senate and at press time awaited the governor's signature or veto.

HB 76 also passed in both chambers of the General Assembly and awaits the governor's signature or veto. HB 76 provides an exemption to the Securities Act of 1933 and allows Kentucky investors to participate in online investing without being overly burdened by securities restrictions. The bill allows online investments by Kentucky residents of up to $10,000 and allows businesses to raise up to $2 million through those investments.

I voted yes on HB 76.

Sadly, it seems that every year the impetus to do serious work on important legislation doesn't hit until the session is almost over, and this year is no exception. At the beginning of this year's session, leaders in both the House and Senate expressed the need to address the Heroin epidemic that is plaguing a substantial portion of the state. Legislation that addresses this issue, though, has been tied up over partisan matters such as who would get credit for sponsoring the legislation.



LRC PUBLIC INFORMATION

Rep. Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) speaks on a bill earlier this month on the floor of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Another remaining issue left unresolved is how to address the impact on local and state road funds due to the fluctuation in the gas tax. HB 513, which I support, seeks to allow the state portion of the gas tax to decrease while protecting those funds made available to local governments for road and bridge projects. Again, partisan politics is keeping this issue from being addressed.

A simple bill that would include bees within the definition of livestock is held up because of an amendment that was tacked on that would combat the already illegal act of dog fighting. The amendment's language classifies the owning, breeding, training and other handling of four-legged animals – including dogs – for the purpose of fighting as first-degree cruelty to animals.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and contacting me with concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, extension 665; by visiting the Kentucky Legislature's website at www.lrc.ky.gov and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link; or by mail to: Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

(Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Marion Republican, has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2013, representing House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)

Senate action addresses drugs, rape, cancer, child abuse, more



State senators worked late into the night last Wednesday passing a myriad of bills and working to find mutual understanding on others before starting the veto recess.

The bills that received final passage covered a range of topics important to Kentuckians, including education, cancer research, child abuse, rape and drug addiction. Following is a summary of several significant issues we addressed in the last six days:

- Senate Bill 119 would allow snow days to be waived in school districts hardest hit by this winter's storms. The snow day provision would give school districts until June 5 to complete all 1,062 school instructional hours required by the state. Any remaining hours that cannot be made up could be waived. The provision also clarifies that instructional days cannot exceed seven hours, cannot include Saturdays and that school districts can be open on primary election day if no school in a district is used as a polling place.

SB 119 would also require school administrators, teachers and others employed by a school district to receive child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition and reporting training by Jan. 31, 2017, then every two years thereafter. Those hired after Jan. 31, 2017, would be required to complete the training within 90 days of being hired, then every two years.

- Senate Current Resolution 97, which I co-sponsored, recognizes Kentucky's aluminum industry as a vital, signature component of the Commonwealth's manufacturing base. I spoke on the Senate floor in favor of this measure, explaining the importance of the aluminum industry to our country, state and my senatorial district. Century Aluminum in Sebree is responsible for more than 600 local jobs and is one of the largest manufacturers in the area. These jobs are important and irreplaceable because of the high average wages. The economic rollover factor is phenomenal. On a national front, the production of raw aluminum in the continental U.S. is significant to our national security. The aluminum made at smelters such as the one in Sebree are used to make fighter jet components.

- House Bill 298 would authorize the issuance of $132.5 million in bonds for the construction of a medical research building at the University of Kentucky. The research center would allow teams of scientists from different disciplines to work together to reduce preventable deaths from medical disorders that disproportionately afflict Kentuckians – such as cancer, diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease. In addition to saving lives, the research center would create 1,623 jobs, have an annual economic impact of $116.2 million, and have an annual state and local tax impact of $5.6 million.

- SB 10 would improve care for stroke victims in rural areas of Kentucky and promote preventive care for the deadly cardiovascular disease. It would require the creation of a list of acute stroke-ready hospitals, comprehensive stroke centers and primary stroke centers for ambulance companies. The goal is to get stroke patients transported to the hospitals best equipped to treat them. The bill would also create protocols for assessment and treatment of stroke patients before they reach the hospital and would expand the types of stroke-care certification available to hospitals across the Commonwealth.

- SB 61 would require health insurers to cover the cost of follow-up procedures resulting from a colorectal cancer screening without imposing additional deductible or coinsurance costs. The bill would apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2016.

- Senate Joint Resolution 20 would reduce the number of untested rape kits. It would direct the Auditor of Public Accounts to study the number of sexual assault examination kits in the possession of Kentucky law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that have not been sent to the Kentucky State Police forensic laboratory for testing. In addition, it requires a report to the Legislative Research Commission by Nov. 1.

- HB 329 would tightly control the expansion of pain management clinics. It would allow existing doctor-owned pain clinics to expand to the maximum of two additional facilities. The bill is needed because of the overwhelming success of the 2012 "Pill Mill Bill" that cracked down on renegade pain management clinics that were accused of promoting the abuse of prescription pain pills.

- SB 77, which I co-sponsored, is an end-of-life order known as a "medical order for scope of treatment," or MOST. A MOST spells out a patient's wishes for their end-of-life care. Unlike advance directives, the orders are considered to be physician's orders and are signed by both the patient or patient's legal surrogate and the patient's physician. SB 77 would allow the use of MOST in Kentucky and require the state Board of Medical Licensure to create a standard form for the orders to use statewide.

Senators will return to the Capitol on Monday and Tuesday to consider any vetoes by Gov. Steve Beshear – and pass additional legislation – before wrapping up the 2015 General Assembly. We are still working out details on measures such as the critical heroin legislation. The differences in the Senate and House bills reflect legislators' attempts to balance the need for tough penalties for heroin traffickers and treatment options for addicts. This issue has gone to a conference committee where we are hopeful a compromise will be hammered out that we can all support.

Soon, this session will be one for the history books, but before then, your input is still needed. You can leave a message for me on the Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments can use the TTY Message Line at (800) 896-0305. You can also e-mail me at dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)

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Community honors Hunt

STAFF REPORT

Community members, friends and family attended a retirement reception last Thursday in honor of Nancy Hunt, former family and consumer sciences agent for Crittenden County's University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

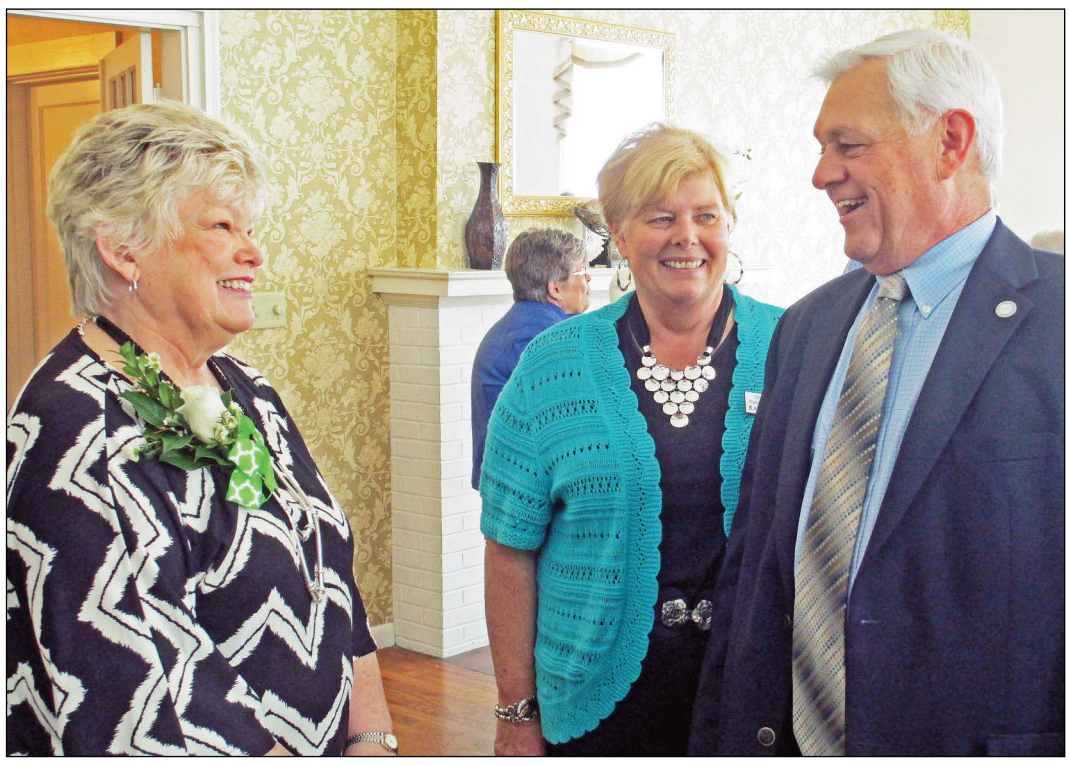
After 35 years with the Extension Service, Hunt retired last month. The event was hosted by the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association.

Citing her dedication, professional accomplishments and role as a community leader, Hunt was honored at the county, city and state level. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander and Kentucky State Rep. Lynn Bechler, who lives in Crittenden County, lauded Hunt's 35-year career and highlighted her many achievements. Alexander presented her with the key to the city, while Newcom and Bechler read proclamations in her honor from the county and state level, respectively. In addition, Sarah Ford, president of the homemaker's association, cited Hunt's dedication on behalf of the Extension Homemakers.

In addition to the public honors, Hunt's husband, Charlie, and two children, Andy Hunt and Kim Vince, shared their own unique perspectives on Hunt's career and how it shaped their family life.

A native of Bowling Green, Hunt joined the county's Extension Service in 1979. For five years, she served as the county's 4-H agent. Since 1984, she has served as agent for family and consumer sciences.

She currently serves as the General Federation of Women's Club Kentucky 1st District Governor. She's also involved with Woman's Club of Marion and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.





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At top, Lynn and Kathy Bechler congratulate Nancy Hunt (left) during a retirement reception in her honor at the Woman's Club of Marion last Thursday. Close to Hunt's heart are the relationships built with members of Crittenden County Extension Homemaker's Association. Shown just above are (front row, from left) Sharon Giltz, Dot Boone, Kay Long, Micki Crider, Hunt, (back row) Pat Carter, Dawn Hollamon, Darl Henley, Jerrell James, Glenda Chandler, Myrle Dunning, Wanda Rudd, Association President Sarah Ford and Kathy Bechler.





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CCES Arts Extravaganza

The history of Old Glory was presented by fifth-graders during the annual Arts Extravaganza program at Crittenden County Elementary Friday. At top left, fifth-graders Cole McKinney and Grace Driskell, portraying George Washington and Betsy Ross, explain the evolution of the American flag, while at left, Ryleigh Tabor and Jacey Frederick narrate the program. Above, also participating in the program were (from left) Emily Whited, Tanner Beverly, Frederick and Dennon Wilson. Third- and fourth-grade students presented movement, dance and musical skills they have learned throughout the year in physical education and arts and humanities, under the leadership of Angela Starnes and Suzann Brown, respectively.

January jobless rate up from December 2014

County's jobless rate at 6 percent

Below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in January 2015 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties listed between.

AREA	JAN. 2015	DEC. 2014	JAN. 2014
Kentucky	6.1	5.1	8.3
Pennyrile	6.7	5.6	8.7
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.9	3.7	6.4
Webster	5.1	5.0	7.2
Union	5.7	4.2	7.0
Crittenden	6.0	4.6	8.1
Caldwell	6.4	5.6	8.7
Lyon	7.6	5.5	8.8
Livingston	8.8	7.5	9.9
Magoffin (120)	15.0	11.5	18.3

FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS

Unemployment rates fell in Crittenden, Livingston and 115 other Kentucky counties between January 2014 and January 2015, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

In Crittenden County, the jobless rate fell from 8.1 percent in January 2014 to 6 percent in the first month of this year. The rate in January 2015, however, was up from 4.6 percent recorded the previous month.

In Livingston County, unemployment in January 2015 was 8.8 percent, down 1.1 percentage points from the previous January. As with Crittenden County, though, the jobless rate was up from December 2014 when 7.5 percent was reported.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.9 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate – 15 percent.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Last month, unemployment in the U.S. dropped to a seven-year low of 5.5 percent – a level normally considered the mark of a healthy job market. Yet that number isn't as encouraging as it might sound.

The jobless rate went down mostly because many Americans have become discouraged about their job prospects and have given up looking. They are not counted when unemployment rates are tallied. What's more, wage gains remained sluggish.

Those trends suggest that the job market, while improving rapidly, isn't quite as healthy as it looks.

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Livestock report

USDA Ledbetter auction results

March 17, 2015

Receipts: 768 head. **Last Week**: 253 head.

Compared to last week: Feeders under 400 lbs traded steady, over 400 pounds 8.00-10.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded mostly steady. Supply included 20% feeder steers, 43% feeder heifers, and 37% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	200-250	210	360.00	360.00	
2	250-300	288	330.00-335.00	332.57	
10	300-350	339	320.00-330.00	325.59	
1	300-350	305	402.50	402.50	Fancy
3	350-400	365	315.00	315.00	
8	400-450	413	305.00-325.00	310.87	
10	450-500	465	285.00-312.50	298.85	
6	500-550	531	251.00-265.00	262.76	
7	550-600	564	245.00-250.00	247.13	
6	600-650	636	223.00-236.00	231.66	
7	650-700	668	215.00-220.00	216.41	
7	700-750	724	200.00-207.00	202.22	
5	750-800	790	191.00-201.00	192.92	
5	800-850	832	184.00-187.00	186.40	
2	900-950	925	170.00	170.00	

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	205	306.00	306.00
1	250-300	295	305.00	305.00
3	400-450	430	280.00-292.50	285.84
3	450-500	486	270.00	270.00
1	500-550	525	242.50	242.50
3	550-600	558	235.00	235.00
2	700-750	722	197.50	197.50
1	800-850	805	167.50	167.50

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	250-300	276	305.00	305.00	
6	300-350	324	280.00-302.50	290.06	
18	350-400	371	280.00-297.00	287.78	
20	400-450	436	257.00-270.00	265.59	
22	450-500	466	245.00-264.00	253.47	
9	500-550	510	240.00-250.00	243.36	
24	550-600	566	224.00-233.00	228.76	
19	600-650	612	212.50-223.00	219.07	
6	650-700	674	195.00-203.00	198.59	
12	700-750	712	190.00	190.00	
1	700-750	740	221.00	221.00	Fancy
15	750-800	793	181.50-186.00	181.78	

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	350-400	376	230.00-272.50	260.92
5	400-450	423	233.00-253.00	243.89
4	450-500	481	237.50-243.00	240.86
10	500-550	523	227.00-239.00	231.86
14	550-600	588	200.00-221.00	210.91
5	600-650	643	180.00-205.00	199.98
6	650-700	673	185.00-186.00	185.51
1	700-750	725	181.00	181.00
2	750-800	762	170.00	170.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
10	300-350	339	300.00-330.00	318.55
5	350-400	380	305.00-355.00	320.50
16	400-450	422	285.00-315.00	299.87
19	450-500	468	280.00-307.50	287.88
18	500-550	520	250.00-275.00	259.94
18	550-600	571	235.00-242.00	239.08
11	600-650	617	220.00-230.00	226.17
17	650-700	663	215.00-221.00	216.30
7	700-750	735	185.00-191.00	188.72
1	750-800	790	172.00	172.00
6	800-850	830	161.00-170.00	168.50
14	850-900	885	170.00	170.00
2	900-950	907	165.00	165.00
7	1000-1050	1038	140.00	140.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-350	338	272.50-285.00	278.61
2	350-400	372	285.00	285.00
2	400-450	428	250.00-265.00	257.72
2	450-500	468	250.00-262.50	256.22
5	500-550	537	247.00-247.50	247.10
5	550-600	581	224.00-229.00	225.88
6	600-650	630	209.00-215.00	212.65
4	650-700	673	207.00	207.00
1	850-900	880	150.00	150.00
1	900-950	935	135.00	135.00

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400-450	405	160.00	160.00

Slaughter Cows:

	%Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1300-1735	95-107	115-122
Boner	80-85	1100-1610	100-109	115.50-116
Lean	85-90	1000-1300	95-104	112

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1270-2215	130.00-137.00	112.00-120.00

Stock Cows: Cows 2 to 9 years old and 2 to 8 months bred 1350.00-2025.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 2 to 9 years old with calves at side 1500.00-2800.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef breeds: 260.00 per head. Dairy: N.T.

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Parish directs funds to local FFA for agriculture literacy projects

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County FFA has received a $2,500 donation from local farmer Natalie Parish and America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

The donation will help the student organization cover the costs of spring agriculture literacy projects with elementary school students. Examples include planting flowers with younger students, who learn about plant growth and development as they watch the flowers grow. More than 250 elementary students and FFA students are involved in the agriculture literacy projects.

"Our goal is to implement more activities like this so everyone in our rural community can see the direct impact they have on agriculture and the impact that ag has on us," said Crittenden County FFA Advisor Jessica Cummins.

For five years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate more than $16.5 million to more than 7,300 community organizations across rural America. This year winning farmers will direct another $3.3 million to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources and more.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County FFA members accept the America's Farmers Grow Communities donation from winning farmer Natalie Parish at the National Farm Machinery Show.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their efforts to meet society's needs through agriculture. Today, consumers are more interested than ever in agriculture and how food is grown. To learn more about helping to raise awareness about agriculture, visit FoodDialogues.com.

A sister program in the America's Farmers effort, Grow Rural Education, is currently in its farmer nomination phase. Farmers interested in supporting math and science education in their communities can visit GrowRuralEducation.com from now through April 1 to learn how.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Crittenden County High School participants in the Pennyrile Regional FFA Day at Murray State on March 10 were (front row, from left) Emmalea Barnes, Cali Parish, Kasey Herrin, Emily Hall, Erica Hardin, Alexis Tabor, (back row) Will Tolley, Catherine Hutchison, Chris Winders, Cole Foster, Logan Shuecraft and Alyssa Curtis.

FFA chapter competes at Murray

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's FFA chapter competed March 10 at the Pennyrile Regional FFA Day at Murray State University. Results are as follows:

- Kasey Herrin, excellent in public speaking.
- Cole Foster, superior in extemporaneous public.
- Emmalea Barnes, superior in creed speaking.
- Cali Parish, superior second in crop impromptu.
- Emily Hall, excellent in floral impromptu.
- Alyssa Curtis, superior in fruit and vegetable impromptu.
- Alexis Tabor, superior in greenhouse impromptu.
- Erica Hardin, excellent in horse impromptu.
- Will Tolley, excellent in poultry impromptu.
- Jessi Brewer, superior first in sheep/goat impromptu.
- Catherine Hutchison, superior second in swine impromptu.
- Chris Winders, superior in turf and lawn impromptu.
- Logan Shuecraft, superior in talent contest.

Parish, Brewer and Hutchison will advance to state competition in Lexington at the state FFA convention in June.

Tree seedlings to be given away

STAFF REPORT

Free tree seedlings will be offered to the public from 10 a.m. until noon Monday in front of the Crittenden County Conservation District office located at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion. Each spring the local conservation district gives away a variety of seedlings.

Seedlings will include northern red oak, willow oak, pawpaw, bald cypress and white pine. Quantities will be limited per person. The conservation district encourages persons throughout Crittenden County, both inside the City of Marion and in rural areas, to take advantage of this opportunity.

The northern red oak, willow oak, pawpaw, bald cypress seedlings were purchased by the conservation district with a matching contribution of white pines made by the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

KDF offers 49 species of hardwoods and conifers for sale to Kentucky landowners at a reasonable price. They are shipped to individuals from January through April.

Seedlings can be planted on open crop or pasture land, enhancing wildlife habitat, improving urban areas. For further information, visit forestry.ky.gov.

KCTCS tuition to hold steady in 2015-16

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students won't have to dig deeper to pay tuition at Kentucky's community and technical colleges after the system's governing board voted Friday to cancel a planned tuition increase for next year.

By holding tuition steady, regents chose student access over the extra revenue the higher tuition would have generated, said Jay Box, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

"It will be a little bit painful for us," Box said in a phone interview. "We will have to tighten our belts. But we think that's important to do to benefit our students."

As a result, the college system's campuses will have to look for ways to reduce spending, Box said. The belt-tightening could potentially lead to staff reductions at some schools, he said.

Enrollment last fall was 87,027 in the system, comprising 16 colleges and more than 70 campuses.

Last June, the system's regents approved tuition increases for this academic year and the next school term. The tuition hike for the current year was applied to students' bills.

H&H Supply offers unique DIY craft project March 28

STAFF REPORT

H&H Supply, a plumbing and electrical supply-wares store in Marion, will be celebrating its 15-year anniversary in 2015. The staff at H&H Supply has 84 years of combined experience in the plumbing and electrical industry.

To kick off a year of celebrations, H&H is offering a free do-it-yourself (DIY) class at 9 a.m. on March 28.

"We hope to see lots of kid-parent teams for this project," said store co-owner Phillis Hardin. "We're so excited."

The DIY project offered is an Easter carrot wreath made from PVC pipe and electrical wire. H&H is providing all supplies and instruction as well as snacks.

"There's a huge trend in up-cycling or recycling projects for the home," said store employee Shanna Winn. "That's exactly what we're doing. We'll be up-cycling scrap PVC pieces into a pretty cool Easter decoration. You'd be amazed at the kinds of home projects you could do with things we keep in our inventory.

"The basic PVC gluing skills we'll be offering can open up all sorts of PVC-type projects to those who attend."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A do-it-yourself project offered by H&H Supply in Marion is an Easter carrot wreath made from PVC pipe and electrical wire. H&H is providing all supplies and instruction as well as snacks for the March 28 class.

Space is limited, requiring all participants to reserve a spot ahead of time.

For more information on the seminar or to reserve your spot, contact Winn at (270) 965-2700.



Suicide doesn't help, just keeps it going



"I just want to get out of it all!"

Satan has fooled millions into believing death ends everything, and if things are bad, just kill yourself and end it all.

As Jesus said, "He is a liar and the father of it. He comes but for to kill, steal and destroy. I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

Jesus also said to lost people (John 8:44 and 10:10), "Satan is your father and the lusts of your father you will do."

That is why it is so urgent for all people to confess their sins to God, asking for forgiveness in the name of Jesus, who has already died and paid for those sins. We won't have to die and go to hell and pay for them ourselves in a world without end.

Only too well do I know Satan's lies and how he can even erase from your mind that you ever heard of hell after this life for those who die lost.

He works in our circumstances to get us to the point all we can think of is our present agony. He convinces us there is no hope for us in any other way.

Being in that place years ago makes me shudder to think of how close Satan came to pushing me over the edge.

My two grandmothers had prayed for all their children and progenies before they went to be with the Lord, and I give their prayers to God credit for pulling me back from the brink of the abyss from which no one can ever return.

That is why it is so very important to keep praying for all your loved ones and the community, because Peter said, "It is not God's will for any to be lost, but for all to come to repentance."

John said, "If we pray according to God's will, He hears us, and if we know He hears us, we know we have the petitions we desire of Him."

Paul said, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Too many give up when it is the darkest, but we need to remember that it is always the darkest just before the dawn.

Believe me, I've been awakened many times, and that saying is so true in every way.

We all face situations many times, even as true Christians, that seem to be impossible to ever come out right.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

He also promises to His own (Isaiah 40:31, 41:10), "Fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

God uses the kind words of one person and compliments of another in making me feel like maybe I was worth something after all and halted the tragedy which would have broken the heart of my dear Mother and anyone else who might have loved me.

When anyone gets to feeling desperate, if only they could think what taking their life would do to those who love them. It would be a powerful tool God uses to help us through and give us hope of getting things right with God so life could be worth something after all.

We never know as we go about our daily lives when a kind word, a compliment, a minute of time or even a smile could mean the difference between life and death to someone.

We never know how heavy the burden someone is trying to carry alone.

How my heart aches when I hear of anyone who has not only reached the point of desperation, but went beyond in obeying the enemy of our eternal souls to end their life and all hope for a better one.

The only thing death ends is this life. We are eternal souls, created in God's own image, who is eternal. If we die in our sins, we will live in the pain and misery of them in a burning hell forever and forever.

Whatever we kill ourselves to get out of will still be with us as we enter eternity and added agony forever.

See the danger of ever telling anyone there is no hell?

Not only do atheists tell those lies, but so do millions of so-called Christians who all will answer for it when they get there and see for themselves and all those they spread the lies to.

God's word tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Think how truly foolish those are who say there is no God and erase all fear of God.

Fear is a very human and natural thing. Yet these pervaders of these ungodly teachings want people to think they have no fear. But let them start to have a bad wreck, have a gun put to their head by a hostile enemy or get caught up in a raging tornado and watch fear consume them.

Many famous outspoken atheists have been possessed and overcome by fear when they begin to experience their mortality with the doctor standing there telling them they are dying, and nothing can be done and all hell is before them and all hope for Heaven gone.

Read the experiences of one of our past president's cardiologist, whom he wrote about in his book "Beyond Death's Door."

Also type in "Testimonies of dying atheists" and get some shockers. Then you'll see how so many of them lost their bravado, looking into the face of dying without any hope and some seeing flames awaiting them.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

Community church notes

■ The annual Crayne Cemetery clean up day is set for 9 a.m., Saturday. In case of rain, the date will be moved to March 28.

■ Fredonia First Baptist Church will present Forgiveness House from 6 to 8:30 p.m., March 20, 21, 27 and 28. It will be held from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., March 22. For reservations call Kathy Sample at (270) 625-5166. For children ages nine years and older. Child care will be provided.

■ A community Gospel singing event will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday at Salem United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

■ Deer Creek Baptist Church invites the public to a journey on the "Road to the Resurrection" held at 11 a.m., each Sunday. On Sunday, listen to Christ as He pours out His heart in prayer to His Heavenly Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. At 11 a.m., March 29, Eric Horner will be in concert to share powerful songs about the Cross of Calvary. Finally, celebrate the Risen Savior on Easter, April 5 and see the empty tomb. For more information, call the church at (270) 965-2220.

■ Crooked Creek Baptist Church will host Fourth Sunday Singing at 6 p.m., Sunday. Eddie Boone will be the special guest.

■ Hurricane Church will hold its Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m., April. 5. Bro. John Robertson will deliver the message. Come for the service and stay for breakfast.

(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your church's activities and celebrations. Email your church notes to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type "Church Notes" in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)

Chaos can ensue if one rules as a king before serving as priest

By FELTY YODER
GUEST COLUMNIST

After King Saul and his army were defeated by the Philistines, David went and settled at Hebron. Here, the men of Judah anointed him as their King. Seven years later, the elders of Israel anointed him as king over Israel. After this, King David returned to Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is believed to have been the Salem over which Melchizedeh ruled as king-priest many centuries earlier. In the city of Jerusalem, there was a small mountain ridge known as Zion. This was in the southern part of the city and controlled by the Jebusites.

The Jebusites were one of the seven abominable nations which Israel had failed to drive out. The word Zion means "fortress" and Jebus means "trodden down."

This part of the city of peace was now trodden down by an abominable nation. They felt quite safe in their stronghold, and when David and his men came against them, they told David, "Even the blind and the lame will drive you away."

But David discovered a secret passage and made a surprise attack and captured the hill for himself. Here, he set up his own fortress and called it the City of David.

Now, when the Ark was brought to Jerusalem, David placed it right there on Mount Zion. David was not a priest by natural birth, since he was not from the tribe of Levi. But he had priestly prerogatives, so much so that the Ark, which for hundreds of years could only be visited by the high priest once a year, was now set up in a "prepared place" in David's tent on Mount Zion.

After dedicatory burnt offering and peace offerings on Mount Zion, there is no record that blood sacrifices were ever again offered in this place. The old rituals would continue in the Tabernacle of Moses on Gibeon, but Zion was to become an institution that was new and distinct and would have eternal significance. It would signify the Heavenly Zion, and the Lamb of God sacrificed once for all. He would enter therein as King and Priest.

Here on Mount Zion, we have an anticipation of New Testament priestly access into God's presence. God established the priesthood before He established the Kingdom. Therefore, we must concentrate on priestly ministry first. When the high priest went into the holiest and stood before the Lord, he had the names of people not only written on his shoulder, but also on his heart.

When one wants to rule as a king before first being a priest, he is likely to bring chaos instead of harmony. We see this all around us, in the home, in the church and in the world.

The New Testament has much to say concerning the priesthood of believers and our heritage as kings and priests. When we understand God's intended purpose in the origin of Zion, then we will understand more fully what He means when He speaks of the restoration of Zion and the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David.

It was intended to be that place of priestly ministry and kingly authority from where God's word and glory might go forth to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We find in the book of Acts where the apostles held a conference at Jerusalem to debate on what might be required for gentiles to be accepted as brethern. James advised the council to receive the Gentiles and all men as brethern in this hour of the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David.

"After this, I will return and build again the tabernacle of David," reads Acts. 15:16.

The only promise in the New Testament that refers to the rebuilding of one of the original sanctuaries is the one concerning the Tent of David. We recognize it to be a spiritual tent, and not just some shabby little structure David erected in the beginning.

If we can accept that thesis, we can dismiss the dream of a temple, similar in magnificence and admiration to Solomon's, that men imagine to be built in Jerusalem, sometime in the future.

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. — Matthew 18:20

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —

Engler

At 3:48 a.m. on March 11, 2015, God called a special man to heaven. Johnnie A. Engler, 87, of Burna, formerly of Evansville, Ind., passed away at his home amongst family.

He was born to Estel and Lovie Engler on Feb. 16, 1928, in Union, Ind.

Engler is survived in death by his wife, Vanda Engler; a sister, Louise Lovellette of Bone Gap, Ill.; five children, Alberta (John) Wright of Evansville, Johnnie (Susie) Engler of San Antonio, Texas, Sue (Vernon) Ellis of Evansville, Nancy Tynes of Greenvalley, Ariz., and James (Robin) Dickerson of Grand Rivers; and 24 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Pearl; and four brothers, Brett, Don, Bill and Leroy.

Engler was a veteran of World War II and was a Kentucky Colonel. He worked at A&H Trucking for 39 years and served as president of A&H Credit Union for 20-plus years. However, his proudest achievement was serving as fire chief of Burna Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years.

Services were Saturday at Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

Memorial donations may be made to Burna Fire Department in his name.

McClure

Martha Jane McClure, 82, of Marion died March 13, 2015, at Salem Springlake Health and Rehab Center.



McClure

She was a homemaker and member of Frances Baptist Church.

McClure is survived by a daughter, Phyllis Ann Kirk of Marion; two sons, Billie Edward McClure and Charles W. McClure, both of Marion; a sister, Pauline "Poppy" Brown of Marion; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert R. McClure; her parents, Ezra and Bertha Williams Moran; and two brothers.

Funeral services were Monday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Frances Cemetery.

James

Viola Kathryn James, 84, of Marion died March 12, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.



James

She was a homemaker and member of Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

James is survived by three sons, Randall Perry James, Jeff James and Patrick James, all of Marion; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Denver Perry James; her parents, Shellie and Timmie Jones Givans; four sisters; three brothers; and a grandson.

Funeral services were Saturday at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

Fritts

Sallie Ann Fritts, 70, of Marion died March 13, 2015, at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a member of Barnett Chapel Church.

Fritts is survived by her husband, Joseph Fritts of Marion; a son, Troy Fritts of Marion; a daughter, Sue Shelton of Salem; four sisters, Barbara Riley, Nora Belt, Marie Redd and Paula Marshall, all of Marion; four brothers, Charles Tinsley, Rocky Tinsley and Steve Tinsley, all of Marion, and Michael Tinsley of Vienna, Va.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles A. and Virginia Tinsley.

Funeral services were Monday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in White's Chapel Cemetery.

Tabor

Larry G. Tabor, 52, of Hobart, Ind., formerly of Salem died March 12, 2015, at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Salem Methodist Church. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1 p.m. until funeral hour Sunday at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem.

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West

Willie West, 87, of Marion died March 17, 2015, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab in Marion.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and member of the General Baptist faith.

West is survived by two sons, Wayne West and Greg West, both of Marion; a daughter, Ann Clark of Henderson; a brother, Doug West of Hatfield, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta West; a son, Sonny West; his parents, Willie and Thelma West Sr.; two brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today (Thursday) at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Rosebud Cemetery. Military rites will be conducted at the cemetery today.

Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

NEWS BRIEFS

City firemen battle Depot Street blaze

Firemen were on the scene of a blaze early Tuesday morning in Marion until about 1 a.m.

Marion Fire Department was summoned shortly before midnight to the fire at 316 W. Depot St. The home is owned by Ron Deckert.

Firefighters were able to extinguish the flames but not before it did extensive damage to the house, especially in one bedroom and the kitchen area at the rear of the home.

Deckert and six other people were living at the home. Local investigators think it might have been an electrical fire.

Ironically, the home was the setting of an alleged murder almost two years ago. That case, involving Deckert's son as the suspect, is going to trail next week.

Man charged with taking guns, bows

An employee at Hodge's Sports and Apparel in Marion has been arrested and charged with taking guns and bows from the department store.

James Dustin McConnell, 23, of Marion was arrested Saturday by Marion Policeman Heath Martin and Crittenden County Deputy Chuck Hoover for allegedly working a deal to sell archery equipment from his truck in the parking lot of the Sturgis Road store where he worked. Police believe the item sold had previously been illegally taken from the store.

The compound bow in question was believed to have been removed from Hodge's by McConnell and then offered for $650 to a man who was unaware that it might have been stolen. When the purchaser came back later to have some work done on the bow, store owners grew suspicious of what had happened.

Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal said his department also had an open case regarding guns that had allegedly been missing from the store since February. As the investigation unfolded over last weekend, two 9mm handguns, two bows, ammunition, arrows, hunting boots and other items were recovered.

McConnell has been charged with multiple felonies, including theft of a firearm. He was lodged in Crittenden County Detention Center without bond.

The suspect was scheduled for arraignment in Crittenden District Court on Wednesday, at which time bond was likely to have been set by the judge.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who provided support during the illness and death of our uncle, Tink Hicklin. The entire community's condolences, kind thoughts and memories help fill the void that his passing has brought about. He will be missed by all.

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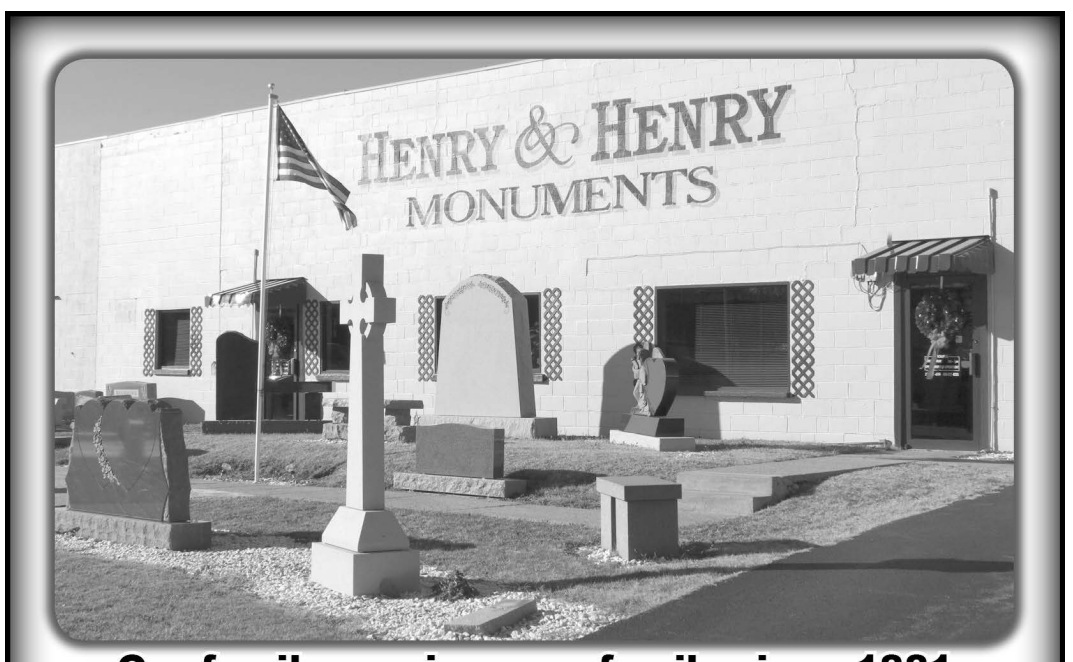


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Woman's Club holds annual meeting, membership luncheon

STAFF REPORT

Green bottles with sparkle birch branches and sequin butterflies adorned tables with white tablecloths as the Woman's Club of Marion held its annual Meeting and Membership Luncheon at its headquarters March 14. Both the serving table and head table had fresh arrangements with gerbera daisies, spider mums and lilies. Carolyn Belt, chairperson of the finance committee, decorated the room in green and white, the official colors of Woman's Club of Marion.

The annual meeting was called to order by Woman's Club President Rebecca Zahrte followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Reviewing activities over the past year, Zahrte reported the club had completed 34 projects and 909 hours of volunteer service.

Reports from department chairs were given on club activities for the past year assisted by Judy Winn and Judith Ann Manley. Chairpersons include Sandra Belt, Arts; Meredith Hall, Conservation; Brenda Buskirk, Education; Donna Girten, Home Life; Rebecca Johnson, International Outreach; and Nancy Hunt, Public Issues.

Emphasis was placed on the Feb. 21 Community Issues event, which tackled the tough issues of domestic violence and drug abuse. Winter weather affected the attendance at the program so the club plans to offer the topic again later in the year.

A report was given on the progress of the Applause on Main project. The club is hoping to beautify two areas in Marion.

First District Governor Nancy Hunt addressed the group on the topic of Gaining Leadership Skills through Volunteerism. She included facts about the Federation whose headquarters is in Washington, D.C., along with its prominent members in the past, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Margaret Chase Smith.

After reviewing the qualities of successful leaders, Hunt addressed the importance of volunteers to communities. In 2013 the estimated value of a volunteer's time was $22.15 hour.

"Community service and volunteerism are an investment in our community and people who live in it," Hunt said.

Hunt listed over 15 local organizations which depend on volunteers to serve on their boards, councils or commissions. She asked attendees to name the current president for each group. After correctly answering 50 percent, she stressed unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together, adding that volunteering allows individuals to connect to their community and make it a better place.

Club members will meet at 5:30 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Crittenden County Extension Service to make Smile Bags for Operation Smile, which provides free surgeries to repair cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities for children around the globe. Sewing machines and supplies will be provided.

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the Marion Woman's Club need to complete an application before April 7, which is the club's next meeting. Applications can be obtained from individuals on the Membership Committee, including, Gladys Brown, Roberta Shewmaker or Rebecca Zahrte. The club's Facebook page also includes membership information.

Members were reminded club dues were payable on March 1 and can be mailed to Marion Woman's Club, P.O. Box 14, in Marion.

The April 7 meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., and will include a program on conservation. Members are encouraged to bring aluminum cans which will be donated to 4-H for recycling.

The club will have its annual quilt show and bake sale April 24 during the Backroad's Festival. Zahrte asks members to contact her about donating food and volunteering at the event. Quilts can be displayed by anyone and a show favorite will be selected by viewers.

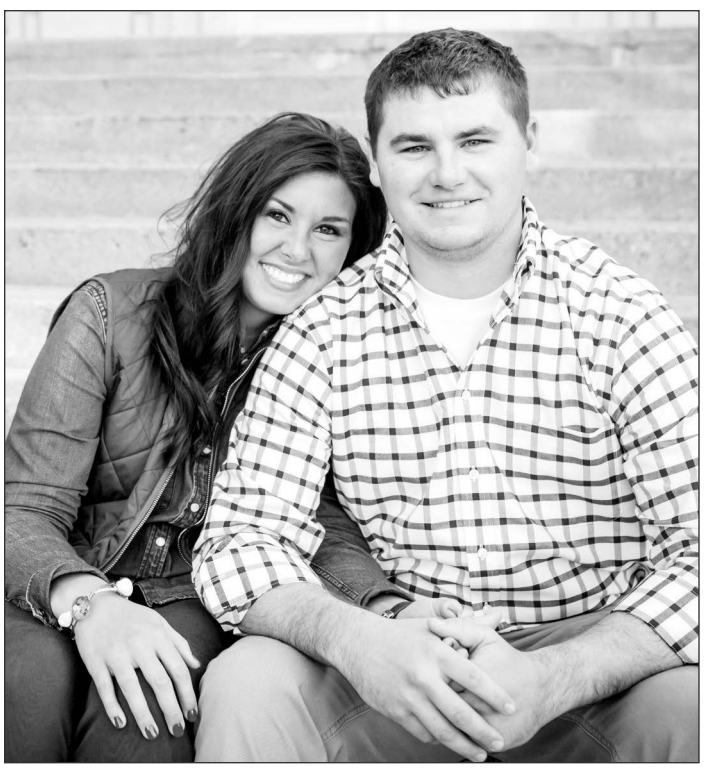
Members were reminded information on the GFWC Kentucky Annual Convention has been received. The convention will be held April 23-25 in Frankfort.

The meeting closed with the drawing for Make It, Bake It, Buy It, which was a fresh flower arrangement won by Belt.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Carolyn Belt, chairperson of the March 14 Marion Woman's Club Annual Meeting and Membership Luncheon, and Nancy Hunt review coming events for the club. Activities scheduled include a quilt show, work party to make Smile Bags and the annual gala. Hunt, who is serving as GFWC First District Governor, was the keynote speaker for the luncheon which was also held for prospective members.



Head-Bebout

Mr. Donald Head and Mrs. Renee Stowe announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Renee Head, to Coleman Wayne Bebout, son of William and Teresa Bebout of Lola.

Miss Head is the granddaughter of Eugene and Mary Head and the late Bobby Brewer and Ladonna Brewer. She is a 2008 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2012 graduate of Murray State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education. She is currently employed by Frazer & Massey Law Office in Marion.

Bebout is the grandson of Coleman and Lillian Fox and Donald Wayne and Mona Faye Bebout. He is a 2006 graduate of Livingston Central High School. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Safety Science from Murray State University and is employed at Westlake Chemical in Calvert City.

The wedding will be held at 6 p.m., April 18 at Burdoc Farms, in Crofton. A reception will follow the ceremony. Friends and family of the couple are invited to attend.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured (front row, from left) Arry Schofield, Mauri Collins, Emily Tinsley, Hannah Hardin, Emma Atchison and Madison O'Dell; (second row) Will Tolley, Lauren Beavers, Elle LaPlante, Kayla Davis and Brennan Jones; (back row) Nick Castiller, Landon Brooks, Logan Bingham, Braden Locke, Brayden McKinney, Benny Tucker, Jacob Berry and Cole Foster.

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By BRENNAN JONES and EMILY TINSLEY
CCHS FBLA

Crittenden County FBLA competed in the Region 1 Competition March 2 at Murray State University. The chapter competed in 15 events and successfully returned with 11 state-qualifying trophies.

Winners were Cole Foster, first place in Agribusiness; Madison O'Dell and Emma Atchison, first place in Bulletin Board; Braden Locke, Brayden McKinney and Jacob Berry, first place in Digital Video Production; Hannah Hardin, first place in Job Interview; Lauren Beavers, first place in Scrapbook; Elle LaPlante and Kayla Davis, second place in Business Presentation; Mauri Collins, second place in Public Speaking I; Benny Tucker, second place in Business Procedures; Will Tolley, third place in Word Processing; Logan Bingham, third place in Help Desk; Arry Schofield, fourth place in Public Speaking II.

Emily Tinsley was also elected Region 1 Secretary and Hannah Hardin was elected Region 1 Parliamentarian.

Crittenden County High School's FBLA chapter will compete at state competition April 20-22 at The Galt House in Louisville.

Evening Belles holds monthly meeting

Submitted Club Report

The Evening Bells Homemaker Club met March 13 at the Crittenden County Extension Service with four members and guest Sarah Ford.

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Carter. Roll call was conducted by Myrle Dunning. The inspirational was read by Carter.

Ford discussed several upcoming Extension Homemaker events including how the Homemakers support veterans and recycling. The spring seminar is scheduled for April 21 and the Backroad's Quilt Show is scheduled for April 25. The state meeting will be held in May.

Refreshments were served at the meeting and followed with a lesson on dealing with grief given by Carter.

Recreation was presented by Algie Richards with a game that involved matching the correct word to a sentence that was read. Dunning won the prize for getting the most correct answers.

The next meeting of the Evening Belles Homemaker Club is scheduled April 9 at the Extension Service.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is $3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is pork roast and gravy, mashed potatoes, whole kernel corn, cornbread and apple crisp.
- Friday: Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is beef lasagna, peas and carrots, pears and wheat garlic bread.
- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is hamburger on wheat bun, baked potato, baked pork and beans and an oatmeal cookie.
- Tuesday: Menu is oven-fried chicken, baked sweet potato, black-eyed peas, wheat bread slice and fruit cobbler.
- Wednesday: Game Day with Barb begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is Philly cheese steak on wheat bun, cole slaw, hash-brown casserole, green beans and apple crisp.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is baked spaghetti, buttered carrots, seasoned peas, wheat garlic bread and ambrosia.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 19

■ Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association will hold its next meeting at 4 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Marion United Methodist Church.

■ Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., in the hospital's education building.

Monday, March 23

■ Livingston County Middle School Efficiency Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the Cardinal Room Annex.

Monday, March 30

■ Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Crittenden Health Systems education building.

On-going events

■ Applications are being accepted until Friday for Livingston Central High School seniors to apply for an American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 $500 scholarship. Contact the school's counselor. The Post will also choose an application to be sent to the Kentucky American Legion Auxiliary District 1 for consideration for its scholarship. Unit 217 Ladies Auxiliary will also select a student to receive a $500 scholarship in memory of Delmer and Betty Mitchell.

Cemetery Association issues public challenge

STAFF REPORT

Shady Grove Cemetery Association is presenting the public with a challenge.

Dan Cronin has reportedly pledged to match dollar for dollar up to $5,000 in donations to the association for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. The challenge grew out of the need for donations due to low returns on the association's investments.

Any amount donated will go toward Cronin's challenge.

Donations should be mailed to: Shady Grove Cemetery Association, c/o Nancy Herran, 6481 SR 120, Marion, KY 42064.



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March Business of Month named

Crittenden County Public Library was named Business of the Month for March by the Chamber of Commerce. Shown above are chamber members Meredith Hall, chamber president Robin Curnel, Crittenden County Public Library Director Regina Merrick, Elliot West and Randa Berry.

Patriotic service in need of band

STAFF REPORT

Organizers of the Memorial Day service at the Veterans Walk of Honor near Blackford are searching for a band to perform during the annual ceremony, scheduled for 2 p.m., May 23. Call (270) 965-3878 if you know of a band interested in booking the event.









SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shown clockwise from top are K3 team members Robert Jackson, Abbey Swinford, Hayden Hildebrand, Thomas Jackson, Nai'Zayah Bell, Brooke Swinford and Blue Knights Coach Don Winters; K5 team members include Winters, Jordan Watts, Evan McDowell, Gage Russell and Erica Darnell; K12 team members include Winters, Benny Tucker, Clay Stevens, Gage Moore, Cole Foster and Cameron McDaniel; K8 team members include Skyler James, Chase Stevens, Cole Swinford and Winters.

Blue Knights compete in Lexington

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Blue Knights chess team competed last weekend in the Kentucky State Team Scholastic Tournament on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Each section competed against the top 16 teams in the state for a chance at the state championship.

In the K3 section, the team of Thomas Jackson, Robert Jackson, Hayden Hildebrand, Brooke Winstead, Abbey Swinford and Nai'Zayah Bell tied for seventh place with 1.5 out of 4 points. They played the top teams from Sayre, Lexington Latin and the Lexington School, all who placed in the top five. Swinford placed second in the Under 300 rated category.

"This is the first year for this team, and to walk out of state with a top 10 is very impressive and the future looks really bright for these kids," said chess team coach Don Winters.

In the K5 section, the team of Gage Russell, Evan McDowell, Erica Darnell and Jordan Watts tied for sixth with 2 out of 4 points. They beat Goshen and Middletown Elementary, but lost key matchups against Anchorage and Sacred Heart, which placed in the top three.

In the K8 section, the team of Chase Stevens, Skyler James and Cole Swinford tied for fifth place with 2.5 points. They beat Graves County and East Oldham and earned a draw against St. Patrick. The only loss came from Winburn Middle School, which placed second.

"To place in the top five with only three players is outstanding," Winters said. "The state competition is played with 4-on-4 on boards for a match point. When you automatically drop a point on Board 4, it puts a lot of added pressure on the other three, and these guys did an amazing job all day."

In the K12 section, the team of Cole Foster, Cameron McDaniel, Clay Stevens, Benny Tucker and Gage Moore placed 12th with 1.5 points. In the first round, the team lost to Lexington Catholic, the top-rated team in the tournament. They were able to come back in the second round against Morgan County and win all four boards, but took a draw in Round 3 and lost a vital match against Valley High School in Round 4 to knock them out of the top 10.

"Everyone did an exceptional job at the tournament and represented Crittenden County well," Winters said. "You should all be extremely proud of them. If you see any of the players, please congratulate them on a job well done. Any time you can go to a state tournament and place in or around the top 10, it is an accomplishment."

EKU announces local academic honors

STAFF REPORT

Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond has announced its graduates and president's and dean's list honors for the fall 2014 semester. The list of names was released last week and includes the following local students:

- Stephanie Heath Hodge of Crittenden County, an occupational safety major, was named to the dean's list and earned a president's award.

- Chase Landon Ramage of Livingston County graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree.

The president's award was established by the university to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

To achieve dean's list honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Collins inducted into Iota Eta Chapter

STAFF REPORT

Jessica Ann Collins was inducted into the Iota Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at West Kentucky Community and Technical College March 11. She is majoring in business.

Collins, from Lola, is married to Larry Collins of Marion. She is the daughter of Keith and Sharon Suits of Fredonia.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,280 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates, U.S. territorial possessions and Peru.

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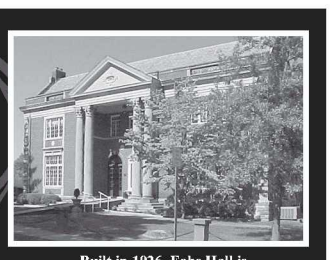
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Bananas part of Tolu basketball lore



This article first appeared in The Crittenden Press in March 19, 1981. It was written by then reporter Lee D. Waters.

Through Mr. Waters' interview with Tom Griffith, one of the players on the 1931 state champion Tolu basketball team, and Virgil Hughes, one of the reserves, the history of those wonderful days were relived with all the action – and some humorous memories – by Griffith and Hughes.

Let's relive those days once again.

The sleepy little town of Tolu, on the Ohio River in northwestern Crittenden County, hardly seems like the basketball capital of Kentucky. In 1931 it was, at least among Class B schools.

That year, eight boys worked their way from an outdoor court at Tolu High School to the state tournament at Alumni Guy in Lexington. Dressed in what the Louisville Courier-Journal described as red and black "clown suits," the team destroyed Ashland Betsy Lang 27-8 for the Class B title. They fell to DuPont Manual 34-23 in a try for the combined Class A and B trophy.

Tom Griffith was the center for the team. He was flanked on the wings by James "Sonny" Phillips and Morris Hardin, with Harry Hardin and John Wesley Watson starting at the guard slots. Reserves were Virgil Hughes and Morris and Paul Lucas, and the team was coached by Rupert Belt. Belt was named coach because he was the only male teacher at Tolu High School at that time.

The team that took the Class B title in 1931 was practically the same one that made the trip to the state tourney in 1930 and was the subject of the "banana" legend that has grown throughout the years.

The story in its most recent form holds that the team bought and ate stalk after stalk of bananas while staying at the Phoenix Hotel in Lexington during the tournament. It goes on to blame that for the Tolu team's 26-25 loss to Corinth in the 1930 semi-finals.

(Corinth went on to take the state crown that year).

According to Griffith, that tale is only partly true. To lay the story to rest, he told what really happened. The team was staying on the fourth floor of the Phoenix when they noticed a small grocery across the street. They sent someone over to get bananas and ate "I don't remember how many sackfuls." The fruit didn't affect their game, however, as they beat Cloverport in opening round action that night.

What the bananas did was almost get them kicked out of the hotel. They flushed all the peels down a toilet and it backed up, flowing out into the room. Watson finally called the front desk for a plumber.

A more humorous incident of that tournament, Griffith said, is only funny in retrospect. Coming from a small town, the team had never seen revolving doors. On the team's first day at the Phoenix, the place was so busy the doors didn't stop rotating.

Griffith said, "We didn't know you could stop the door. We spent quite a while trying to hit it just right to get through."

Liked to play

Tolu didn't have a gymnasium in 1931, so the team practiced on an outdoor court year-round. Both Griffith and Hughes said the team practiced before school, at recess and after school and on Sundays no matter what the weather. They worked out against as many people as wanted to play, simply because, Griffith said, "We like to play ball."

Home games were played at Fohs Hall Gym in Marion. Tolu had to share that facility with some of the other high schools in the county. There were six at that time, Tolu, Shady Grove, Mattoon, Frances, Dycusburg and Marion.

Road trips weren't a simple matter of getting on a bus and going. The team usually scheduled several games in the Murray area at once, for example, and made a three-day trip out of it, traveling in two cars. It took three hours to get to a game at Princeton, and another three to get home.

Some of the most difficult trips were those to play Illinois schools. The team often crossed the river on mail-boats and walked into the towns they were to play in. They had to walk along a set of railroad tracks to get from the river to the gym at Dekoven.

The facilities usually weren't much better than home when they got across the river. They were usually little bitty old gyms barely big enough to turn around in. It was always nice to get on a court.

There were different rules then also. The biggest difference was that the teams had to jump center after every basket. There was no rule concerning the amount of time taken to get down court, and there were no 3-second violations in the lane.

Players were out after four fouls, and the team couldn't get with their coach during the timeouts. They huddled together, sitting in a circle on the floor to discuss strategy.

The center jump made a big man essential. Center was more important than any man on the team. If you couldn't control the tip, you were at a great disadvantage. Tolu rarely felt that disadvantage with the 6-3 Griffith as center.

"We didn't have any set plays," said Griffith. "If I got the tip, I'd give it to one fellow one time and another the next time. If any of us got it, we'd go to the basket. We'd play a man-to-man defense and run the other team."

Ball of dynamite

The top player on the Tolu state tournament teams was Harry Hardin, a guard. Hardin went on to become a legend at Western Kentucky (University) after his days at Tolu. Area fans who remember seeing Hardin, named captain of the 1931 All-State Tournament team, say he was a ball-handling wizard.

Another Hardin, Morris, was top scorer in the tournament. Griffith said that he was 5-6 and 165 pounds and was a little ball of dynamite. He could dribble a basketball as well as any open field football runner could run a football. He'd dribble from one end to the other and leave players laying in his path.

60-5 record

The Tolu team's practice of playing without "any set plays" was unusual, but it worked. The 1930 and '31 teams posted a 60-5 record, with their only losses coming at the hands of Rosiclare, Ill., and Lola in regular season play and Hopkinsville, Cornith and Manual at tournament.

Tolu's district at that time included six counties – Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Trigg, Lyon and Christian. In 1931, Tolu breezed through the district tournament preliminaries with the 59-7 win over Shady Grove and a 60-12 thumping of Farmersville, and a win over Salem before losing to Hopkinsville in the final.

Classes champs met

It was tradition in those early days of the state tournament to play the Class B champs against Class A champs. That was usually the worst game of the tournament.

It wasn't the case in 1931, however.

As The Crittenden Press reported on March 27 of that year, "Not only did Tolu win the Class B tournament, defeating other teams in that class, but it put up a plucky fight with the mighty Manual team of Louisville, losing a closely contested game."

Manual's 1931 Class A champs were led by a guard named Lyle Judy. They stumped Tolu early in the game with a block play that kept everyone away from Manual's basket except Judy, who put his team up 23-8 at the half.

That might have been the last heard of Tolu, especially considering the lack of coaching skills by Rupert Belt. The day was saved by another Crittenden County coach named Throckmorton who had been observing the proceedings from the stands. He came into Tolu's dressing room at the half and drew out what was happening.

"It helped, and if we had known that all along we would have been state champions," Griffith said.

Tolu outscored their opponents 15-11 in the second half, thanks to Throckmorton's assistance, but couldn't overcome their first half problems. Manual took home the combination crown with a 34-23 win.

The classes have long since been combined in the state basketball tournament, and Griffith thinks Tolu's 1931 team may have been responsible for that.

He said, "I wouldn't be surprised if they discontinued that A and B stuff because of the poor showing we had that first half."

Great memories of a great hometown ball team that made it to the state to be Class B Champions. Although the school is gone and all the players have passed away, we don't want to forget this great history or those young men that made it such a memorable year.

(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Above is a photo taken from a March 1931 issue of The Crittenden Press which shows the young men from Tolu who were State Class B basketball champions.

State parks planning Easter buffets, special events

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Parks will be serving their annual Easter buffets April 5, and several nearby parks are planning other special events.

The menu includes beef carved on the line, baked country ham, golden fried catfish and hushpuppies. The meal will also include fresh fruit, a cheese bar, garden vegetables, salad and desserts.

Several parks are planning egg hunts and other activities for guests. Following are Easter weekend events:

- John James Audubon State Park in Henderson will host its annual Eggstravaganza on March 28. Bring kids ages 3-7 for a hopping good time at the event, held from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Audubon Museum. Children will enjoy Funny Bunnies Art, storytelling, live bunnies and Easter snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, and the fee is $7. Contact Kim McGrew-Liggett (270) 827-1893 or kim.mcgrew@ky.gov for more information.

- Kenlake State Resort Park in Aurora will host an Easter egg hunt on April 5. The hunt will be on the front lawn of the Kenlake Hotel at 2 p.m. Eggs will be stuffed with prizes for girls and boys in age categories 2 and under, 3-5, 6-9 and 10-12. The Easter Bunny will also make an appearance during the festivities. Enjoy breakfast in the Aurora Landing Restaurant from 7 to 10 a.m. and the Easter buffet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (270) 474-2211 for more information.

- Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz will host an Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt April 5. Lake Barkley's Windows on the Water Restaurant will offer its annual Easter buffet from noon to 8 p.m. That afternoon, more than 3,000 eggs will be part of the park's Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny arrives at the fitness center at 2:30 p.m., and the egg hunt starts at 3 p.m., also at the fitness center. From toddlers to teenagers, bring your baskets and gather some goodies. The egg hunt is sponsored by employees of Lake Barkley State Resort Park and Friends of Lake Barkley SRP Inc. Call (270) 924-1131 for further information.

- Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park in Dawson Springs will host Easter Eggcitement on April 5. The park invites you to enjoy the Easter buffet served noon to 8 p.m. Get pictures with the kids and the Easter Bunny at 1:30 p.m. for $2 per photo and then take part in the free Easter egg hunt at 2:30 p.m. at the lodge. Events will be held rain or shine. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Pennyrile. Call (270) 797-3421 for additional information.

The Kentucky State Park System is composed of 49 state parks plus an interstate park shared with Virginia. The Department of Parks, an agency of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, operates 17 resort parks with lodges – more than any other state.

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BASKETBALL

SECOND REGION BOYS Basketball Tournament

Games at Morganfield
Sunday's Results
Hopkinsville 77, Caldwell County 60
Trigg County 67, UHA 55
Monday's Results
Henderson County 74, Crittenden 32
Webster County 54, Madisonville 52
Tuesday's Semifinals
Hopkinsville 59, Henderson Co. 54
Webster County 49, Trigg County 47
Thursday's Championship
Hopkinsville 61, Webster Co. 46

Brown plays in nationals

Bailey Brown and Asbury University lost 50-43 to Cardinal Stritch University of Milwaukee, Wisc., last Thursday in the opening round of the NAIA Division II National Championship Women's Basketball Tournament at Sioux City, Iowa. Asbury finished its season at 26-7. Brown was a regular in the lineup as a freshman for the Lady Eagles.

Maci Brown sets 3 record

No. 2 Henderson County was upset by Louisville Male 86-81 in Friday's Kentucky Girls' Sweet 16 quarterfinal round at Bowling Green. Male (26-4), which scored 28 points in a 19-point loss to Henderson County on Jan. 30, built a 48-38 halftime lead and held on from there. Henderson's Maci Brown – who has family connections to Crittenden County – had 26 points and a Sweet 16 record eight 3-pointers.

YOUTH SPORTS

Registration extended

Baseball - Softball - Kickball

Crittenden County Dugout Club is extending its registration period for youth baseball, softball and kickball until Saturday, March 21. There will be no late registration penalty charged because of recent weather-related issues and delays. Registration forms were sent home with CCES students about three weeks ago. A registration form is also available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

Softball, baseball clinics

Tony Abbatine of National Director of Frozen Ropes baseball and softball training centers will be the featured instructor for coach and player clinics next week at Eddyville's Lee Jones Park. There will be a coaches clinic from 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 27, and softball and baseball players clinics for various ages at different times on Saturday, March 28. For more info, or to register, call (270) 559-6616 or (270) 350-6607. Cost is $35. Deadline is Sunday.

Centershot Archery starts

Mexico Baptist Church is registering for its Centershot Archery program at 6 p.m., Wednesdays at the church.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Snow Goose	Feb. 9 - March 31
Youth Turkey	Apr. 4-5
Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31

Migratory bird HIP is now mandatory

Hunters who plan to purchase certain Kentucky licenses and permits need to be aware of changes in the way users buy these licenses or permits. Previously, hunters who bought a Kentucky Migratory Game Bird - Waterfowl Hunting Permit, a Kentucky Sportsman's License or a Senior/Disabled License were asked a series of questions about the previous year's harvest of migratory game birds such as doves, ducks and geese. These questions comprise the Harvest Information Program or HIP Now, buyers of these licenses and permits must go online or make a phone call to fill out the HIP questionnaire before they are legal migratory bird hunters. Only those who plan to hunt migratory birds need to complete the survey. Go online to KDFWR.gove or call 1-800-858-1549 to complete the questionnaire. You should do this before hunting any type of bird that is considered migratory.



Members of the 2015 Lady Rocket softball team are (front from left) Kayla Davis, Khyla Moss, Danielle Byarley, (second row) Hannah Easley, Megan Hunt, Kirsten Deboe, Bristen Holeman, Jenna Potter, Chaylee Wolf, Jessi Brewer, Emily Hall, Jaylin Blackburn, (back) coach Cheyanne Warriner, Sharon Collins, Courtney Beverly, Brandy Book, Hannah Cooksey, Josie Tapp, Ellie Smith, Kaitlyn Hicks, Emmie Smith, Cassidy Moss, Kiana Nesbitt, Kali Travis and coach Emily Bebout.

Lady Rockets see talented softball future

STAFF REPORT

Although Crittenden County is returning nine starters, third-year skipper Cheyanne Warriner is surprisingly guarded about her Lady Rocket softball team's outlook.

Sure, there's plenty of experience coming back, but Warriner knows that the Fifth District is a pretty tough place to play softball, especially the last few years with Livingston Central being one of the region's best.

Over her first two seasons, Warriner compiled a 13-40 record and won just four times against district opponents.

Last year, CCHS beat Trigg twice, but scored just one run in five other district games against Lyon and Livingston.

The Lady Cardinals are now two years removed from a Second Region championship, but still pretty solid. They won the Class A state championship a year ago. Lyon returns most of its lineup and Trigg hasn't improved much.

Therefore, Warriner isn't ready to claim her team is the best in the district, but she thinks a contender is forming.

"Livingston has dominated the district in recent years," said the coach who hails from Reidland and played collegiate softball. "I think we can give them a run for their money this year."

Warriner is quick to point out that despite having a bunch of regulars back on the roster, there are plenty of positions still up for grabs.

The corners are the biggest question marks. Third and first could see several girls on the field before Warriner makes her decision on who will be the everyday corner infielders.

Khyla Moss, Jessi Brewer, Chaylee Wolfe and Kayla Davis are some early candidates for the two spots.

Right now, the middle infielders look like Courtney Beverly at second and Kaitlyn Hicks at shortstop.

Cassidy Moss, a righthander, is one of the best young pitchers in the region. She's been among the best the last couple of years and as a sophomore might be among the top two or three.

Megan Hunt and Jessi Brewer will do the catching.

The outfield is probably the most stable area on the field. Danielle Byarley is in left, Kali Travis center and Kiana Nesbitt in right. All three started there last season.

Brandy Book, Emmie and Ellie Smith and Jenna Potter are some young players who could challenge the returning starters for playing time on the varsity squad.

"We have a much deeper bench this season," Warriner said.



PHOTO BY MEREDITH EVANS

Chaylee Wolf had two hits and drove in two runs in Monday's season-opener at home. More photos online.

Girls win opener

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets beat Hopkins Central 7-3 at Marion to open their softball season Monday.

Kaitlyn Hicks had 3 hits and Kiana Nesbitt, Khyla Moss and Courtney Beverly had 2 apiece. Cassidy Moss and Wolf drove in 2 runs. Hicks and Beverly each scored twice.

Cassidy Moss went the distance on the rubber, striking out 10.

Crittenden led 7-0 before Hopkins Central rallied for 3 runs in the fifth inning. Moss worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the last inning to collect the win.

The Lady Rockets were at Union County Tuesday and will be at Caldwell Thursday.



Members of the 2015 Rocket baseball team are (front from left) Will Tolley, Logan Belt, Ryan Belt, Bobby Stephens, Kyle Castiller, Taylor Yancy, Clay Croft, Dylan Hollis, Nick Castiller, Seth Birdwell, Jacob Hackney, (back) coach Donnie Phillips, Jake Ellington, Ethan Hunt, Alex Cosby, Maeson Myers, Noah Salin, Jared Lundy, Adam Beavers, Adam Driver, Ryan James and coach Jeff Porter. Not pictured: Brandon Wilson.

New skipper returns a number of starters

Rough start

Crittenden County's baseball team opened its season Monday at a tough venue – Marshall County. The Marshals had little sympathy, knocking off the Rockets 23-0. CCHS had 3 hits in the game by Will Tolley, Shelby Robinson and Alex Cosby. In the field, Crittenden committed 9 errors. The Rockets host Madisonville Thursday.

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has a new skipper, but he's hardly an unfamiliar face around the ball field. Donnie Phillips, a longtime paraprofessional middle school football coach and assistant baseball coach, now has the reigns of the baseball team.

The club returns six starters from last season's regular-season Fifth District championship. The Rockets were runnerup in the post-season tournament and lost to Hopkinsville in the Second Region Tournament.

Back are Adam Driver, Shelby Robinson, Nick Castiller, Dylan Hollis, Ethan Hunt and part-time starter Alex Cosby. Maeson Myers, Seth Birdwell and Ryan James will play significant roles this season after spot time a year ago. Some other players looking to get plenty of playing time will be Will Tolley, Logan Belt and Taylor Yancy.

Pitching is where the Rockets were hardest hit by graduation. Gone are Travis Gilbert and Devin Belt. Both went on to play collegiate ball. Also gone are catcher Brenden Phillips and Taylor Champion, who finished first and second on the team in batting. Phillips is playing at Brescia University.

CCHS ROCKETS

District Scorecard
Tournament Finishes
2014 - District Runnerup
2013 - District Runnerup
2012 - District Champion
2011 - District Runnerup
2010 - District Champion
2009 - District Champion
2008 - District Champion
2007 - District Runnerup



Members of the 2015 Crittenden County track and field team are (front from left) manager Sarah Hodge, Nikki Shuecraft, Michelle Davidson, Alexis Tabor, Kaylee Graham, Alyssa West, Trinity Hayes, Emmalea Barnes, Cortne Curnel, Anzie Gobin, Shelby Wallace, Hailey DiMaggio, Margaret Sitar, manager Megan Manns, (back) coach Angela Starnes, Zach Weathers, Aaron Lucas, Alex Yates, Kenny Todd, Tyson Steele, Gary McConnell, Colby Watson, Landon Brooks, Jacob Greenwell, Noah Dickerson, Noah Hadfield, Tony Hood, Nick Greenwell, Branen Lamey, Devon Nesbitt, Mason Hunt, Jacob Russellburg, Joseph Estes and Devin Ford. The track team opened its season on Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY BASKETBALL STATISTICS 2014-15

Rockets Statistics

Name	G	FG	FG%	3Pt	3Pt%	FT	FT%	PTS	Avg	ORB	DRB	TR	Avg	PF	ASST	TO	BS	ST	MIN
L.Young	28	160/372	43.0	38/122	31.1	90/118	76.3	462	16.0	17	66	83	2.96	65	48	68	5	40	802
D.Hollis	26	20/76	26.3	5/22	22.7	18/33	54.5	63	2.42	9	17	26	1.00	24	10	19	1	21	227
N.Dickerson	28	51/145	35.2	10/44	22.7	40/66	60.6	152	5.43	48	74	122	4.36	80	35	43	8	25	691
D.Watson	27	55/120	45.8	0/2	0.00	33/56	58.9	143	5.30	43	48	91	3.37	54	9	39	1	16	619
A.Driver	24	11/32	34.4	1/6	16.7	3/4	75.0	26	1.08	4	18	22	0.92	33	0	8	2	5	183
W.Tolley	8	1/8	12.5	0/2	0.00	0/4	0.00	2	0.25	3	3	6	0.75	2	1	8	0	2	39:15
N.Hatfield	28	22/69	31.9	5/19	26.3	21/34	61.8	70	2.50	15	32	47	1.68	34	15	37	0	14	316
J.Greenwell	8	3/14	21.4	0/3	0.00	4/7	57.1	10	1.25	3	1	4	0.50	4	0	0	0	2	18:44
T.Coleman	8	2/7	28.6	0/2	0.00	2/4	50.0	6	0.75	2	6	8	1.00	1	1	2	0	0	28:18
R.James	8	1/2	50.0	0/0	0.00	2/4	50.0	4	0.50	2	4	6	0.75	1	0	1	0	0	32:33
D.Hicks	28	36/98	36.7	16/44	36.4	25/41	61.0	113	4.04	10	37	47	1.68	63	47	65	0	38	735
C.Watson	28	114/297	38.4	24/94	25.5	71/115	61.7	323	11.5	44	123	167	5.96	78	18	40	43	28	760
J.Lundy	8	1/1	100	0/0	0.00	0/2	0.00	2	0.25	2	8	10	1.25	8	1	2	1	0	26:25
B.Stephens	9	5/12	41.7	1/4	25.0	1/3	33.3	12	1.33	1	1	2	0.22	2	2	4	0	2	34:25
G.Dickerson	2	0/0	0.00	0/0	0.00	0/0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	5:05
Team Totals	28	482/1253	38.5	100/364	27.5	310/491	63.1	1374	49.1	337	550	887	31.7	450	187	347	61	193	

G=Games, FG=Field Goals, ORB=Offensive Rebounds, DRB=Defensive Rebouds, TR=Total Rebounds, PF=Personal Fouls, ASST=Assists, TO=Turnovers, BS=Blocked Shots, ST=Steals, MIN=Minutes Played.

Lady Rocket Statistics

				TOTAL FIELD GOALS			2 PT FIELD GOALS			3PT FIELD GOALS						
Player	Gms	Points	Avg.	Made	Att.	Pct	2Made	2Att.	2Pct	3Made	3Att.	3Pct	Reb	Reb. Avg	Steals	Deflct's
C.Oliver	28	418	14.93	150	333	45.05%	146	309	47.25%	4	24	16.67%	171	6.11	55	68
C.Moss	28	348	12.43	120	313	38.34%	106	261	40.61%	14	52	26.92%	178	6.36	61	42
M.McDowell	28	171	6.11	64	186	34.41%	53	139	38.13%	11	47	23.40%	100	3.57	64	73
K.Moss	28	123	4.39	51	137	37.23%	51	137	37.23%	0	0	0%	89	3.18	24	20
A.Lynch	28	93	3.32	43	130	33.08%	42	126	33.33%	1	4	25.00%	65	2.32	40	31
K.Nesbitt	25	74	2.96	33	73	45.21%	33	73	45.21%	0	0	0%	100	4	25	16
M.Evans	26	67	2.58	28	66	42.42%	28	66	42.42%	0	0	0%	77	2.96	12	14
K.Davis	16	23	1.44	4	21	19.05%	4	21	19.05%	0	0	0%	23	1.44	7	6
F.Pierce	22	19	0.86	8	23	34.78%	7	21	33.33%	1	2	50.00%	17	0.77	12	8
M.Riley	20	13	0.65	5	23	21.74%	5	21	23.81%	0	2	0%	20	1	2	6
M.Champion	14	9	0.64	2	8	25.00%	1	6	16.67%	1	2	50.00%	10	0.71	3	5
C.Beverly	10	4	0.4	2	3	66.67%	2	3	66.67%	0	0	0%	3	0.3	1	1
E.Barnes	7	2	0.29	1	2	50.00%	1	2	50.00%	0	0	0%	2	0.29	0	1
M.Collins	8	0	0	0	3	0%	0	3	0%	0	0	0%	3	0.38	2	2
T.Johnson	1	2	2	1	1	100.00%	1	1	100.00%	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0





Old-Timer Basketball

Crittenden County held its annual men's old-timers basketball game for Rocket alumni. Almost 40 fellows suited up to play and only one had to be carried off the floor. Ronnie Moss, a hall of fame member, was injured, in the last minute of the senior game. He was taken to the hospital where doctors discovered he strained his Achilles tendon. Fortunately, it's something Moss will recover from fairly quickly. Still, he missed the group photograph (below). Pictured at top are former Rockets Sean McKinney guarded by Mike O'Dell, and immidately above is Justin Hill guarding Stephon Cozart.

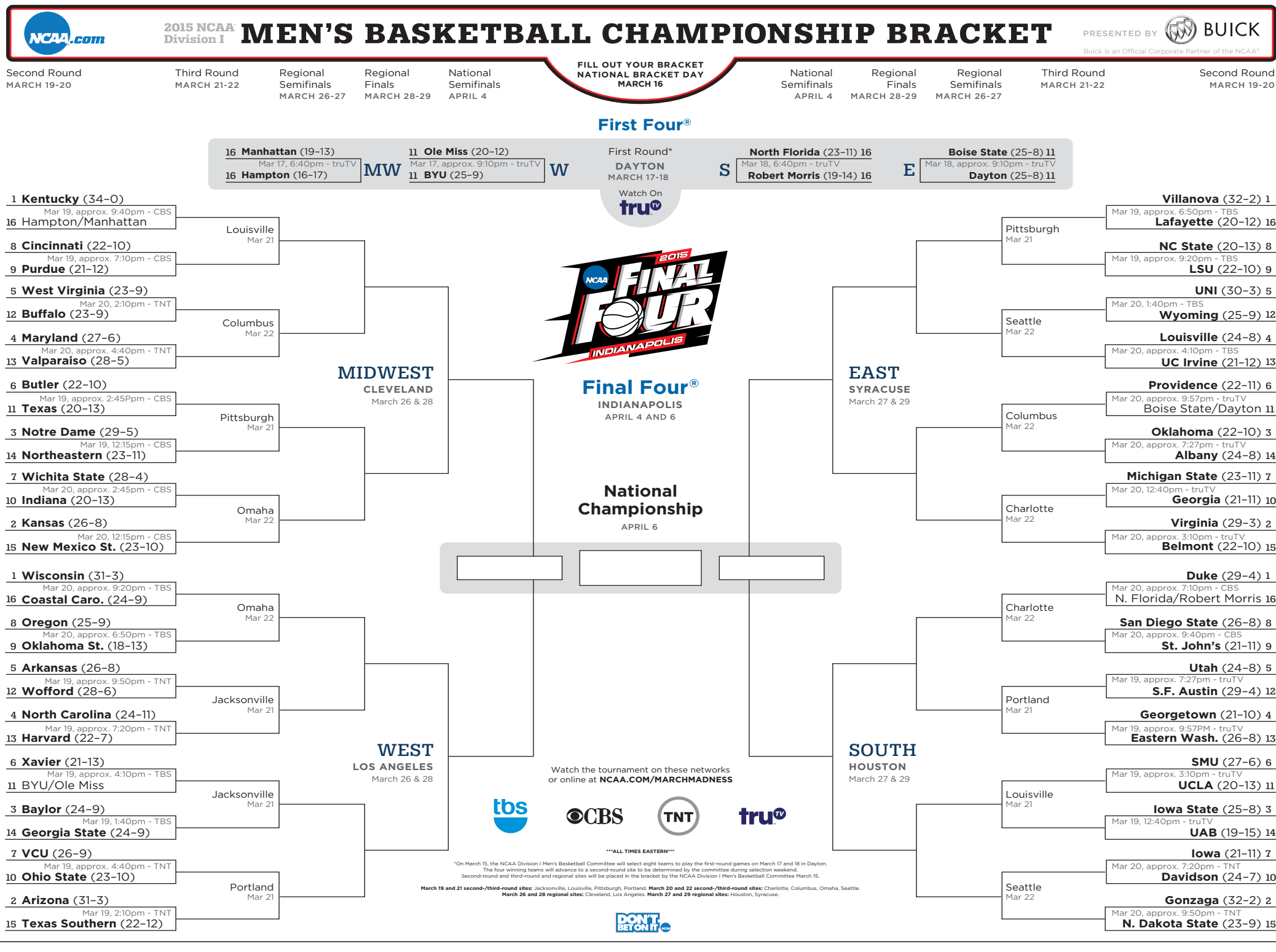


Playing last weekend's old-timers basketball game were (front from left) Kenny Moss, Terry Simpson, Sean Stinnett, Richard Faith, Denis Hodge, Eric Henderson, Donnie Mills, Travis Perryman, Adam Hardin, Brandon Stinnett, Cullen Crider, Kyle Myers, Sean Thompson (back) Ricky Winders, Rob Towery, Billy Mills, Mike O'Dell, Todd Reddick, Jerry Wheeler, Jeff Porter, David Davis, Nicky Brown, David Perryman, Sean McKinney, Doug Campbell, Justin Hill, Neal Bryant, Joey Pluskota, Jacob Courtney, Adam Attia, Gaige Courtney, Aaron O'Leary, Devin Belt, T.K. Guess, Bobby Knox, Stephon Cozart and Shawnte Moss.

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Notice is hereby given that on March 11, 2015, LaJean Quisenberry of 3477 US Hwy. 60 West, Marion, Ky. 42064 and Sandra Stevens of 1240 Chapel Hill Road, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed co-executrixes with will annexed of James W. Patmor, deceased, whose address was 513 Old Shady Grove Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executrixes with will annexed on or before the 11th day of September 2015. All claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court
Melissa Guill, Clerk
(1t-37-c)

Legal Notice

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, Ky,. do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Peggy Faye Ritch of 1021 State Route 506, Marion, Ky. 42064, executrix of Christine Zeitz, deceased. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District on April 15, 2015. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 15-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.12 OF THE MARION CODE OF ORDINANCES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on March 16, 2015 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the City Council held on February 23, 2015, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance amends Section 93.12 of the Marion Code of Ordinances by deleting (8) of the Ordinance by striking the language allowing fires to be set for the disposal of household rubbish. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 15-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-23, At 704 South Main Street

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on February 23, 2015 at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on January 12, 2015, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 01-23 such that the property located at 704 South Main Street is amended from R-3 Single/Multi Family Residential to C-3 Highway Business District. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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AUCTION

Personal Property Auction of Daniel Yoder

March 28, 2015 • 10:00 a.m.

7-1/2 Miles North of Marion, KY on Hwy 91 or
3-1/2 Miles South of Cave In Rock Ferry on Hwy 91

Equipment

John Deere 450 B track loader with bucket and forks, Clarke 3000 lb. fork lift — 3 stage mast, 40 Kewanee grain and hay elevator, Frick all steel sawmill — motor driven metal band chopper, 36" shop fan, plastic banding cart and tools for crimping, Sanborn 5 HP air compressor, Heavy duty shop press, 5 Speed new drill press, 500 Gal propane air tank, high pressure washer, 5' long heavy shop stove, 70 lb. anvil, large 25 bin swivel nail and bolt bin.

Antiques/Collectibles/Household

Countertop Stinson platform scales, wooden chicken coop, 2 gallon Enterprise sausage stuffer & lard press, wooden desk with lid and glass doors on top, 2 door metal wardrobe, wooden wardrobe, Oak extension table with leaves and 6 Oak chairs, miscellaneous wooden kitchen chairs, Oak dresser, 3 — Maytag ringer washers, 4- Coleman gas irons, stainless steel stovetop oven, Kerosene heater, Kerosene stove parts, pressure cookers, 3 Full size metal bed frames, 2 —1/2 size metal bed frames, 2 —sewing machine cabinets, small baby bed, cast iron wash sink in stand, large wooden display for quilts, 10 gallon milk can, two wheeled dolly cart, 2 — 3 burner oil stoves (need work), Full set of National Geographic hard cover books from 1914 to 1989, odd lots of bird feeders, new lawn furniture —gliders and tables, canning jars, lots of dishes and glassware, old and new quilts and other items too numerous to mention.

New Items from Yoder's Variety Store

Bath towels, 15 dozen Jersey gloves, Cast Iron lamp wall brackets, Oak saddle seat rocker, Oak child's rocker, tow ropes, dinner bell, cedar box, Oak wall mirror, Collar clock, Oak wall trees, Church silverware, 2 new sets of silverware in case, 14 pairs of Redwing slip on boots, 28 pairs of new 5 buckle overshoes, 15 pairs of men's dress overshoes, 4 pairs of men's dress shoes, 25 pairs of women's and children's shoes, Sam B. Miller genealogy books, 1 roll of lamp wicking and much more.

Farm & Miscellaneous

40 Pieces of 1/2" CPVC pipe, 5 gallon buckets, locusts post and poles, metal cow stanchions, odd lots of painted metal roofing, chicken wire, feed bags, 16' of concrete culvert, metal cattle hay bunk, 7 walking type plows, 12' log chain, railroad jack and many other items.

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Flooding from the Tradewater River had Caney Fork Road in northeastern Crittenden County under several feet of water Sunday.

Conrad's management changed

By DARYL K. TABOR
PRESS EDITOR

For 13 years, Mike Wasielewski has donned a green shirt as manager of Conrad's Food Store in Marion. On Saturday, however, he walked out of the store for the final time as an employee of the locally-owned grocery.

At 59, the Chicago native said his decision to leave the job he loved was influenced by someone else – a doctor. When his physician warned him to reduce his stress level or face the possibility of life-threatening medical problems, he decided it was time to retire his shirts tailored in the store's signature color.

Jane Robertson, a 14-year employee of Conrad's, has taken over as manager.

The decision Wasielewski made in January was not easy, despite the medical advice. Leaving would mean losing the work family he has cherished for more than a decade.

"I don't know that I've ever made a more difficult decision in my life." he said. "But my body started to give me some warnings, and my doctor said, 'You need a life change or you're looking at a heart attack in six months to a year.'"

Wasielewski indicated running the store wasn't necessarily to blame for his growing stress level. He said his personality changed a bit last summer following a stent-graft implantation after suffering an aortal aneurism. Things that didn't bother him before began to weigh on him.

"For 12 years, I had no problem shutting it out when I left," he said, "but the last six months, I couldn't get it out. It stayed with me. It just snowballed."

Though a job change was in order, Wasielewski isn't straying far from the grocery business. After taking Sunday off, he began work Monday for Winkler Wholesale Grocers in Dale, Ind., across the Ohio River from Owensboro. He's taken on a consulting role, a position that will put him on the road helping retailers his new employer services.



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

After 13 years as manager, Mike Wasielewski has left Conrad's Food Store due to health reasons. Jane Robertson, who has been with the grocery for 14 years, took over as manager this week.

"It'll be a lot less stress," he said.

The job is familiar, as he's held a similar position in the past with another wholesaler. It will even occasionally bring him back to Conrad's and the community he's grown to love.

"This is a fabulous community," said Wasielewski, who lives in Caldwell County. "It's become more of a home to me than Princeton."

Wazielewski's career in the grocery business started as a bit of a fluke. He began his first job with a grocer in 1976 as merely a way to put himself through college. Almost 40 years later, he's still at it.

"It's all I've really ever done," he said.

In 1974, Wasielewski began college at Murray State University, studying sociology and psychology. It was a Racer football scholarship that brought him from the Windy City to western Kentucky. He met his wife of 38 years, Barbara, while at Murray.

Wasielewski finished up his undergraduate degree at Murray, and to this day, will trade a few hours of sleep for the chance to catch a Racer basketball game live.

After graduating, he was headed to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., to get his Ph.D. But he was offered a detour – his first job as manager of a store. The position paid twice the average salary of the profession he was pursuing at the time, that of a college professor.

The detour would eventually bring him to Marion, where he began his role as Conrad's manager under Mary Conrad, who died in 2003. The store is now owned by one of her sons and his wife, Cecil and Angel Henry.

Wasielewski said the couple was adamant about hiring his replacement from within and called on Robertson, who started at the store behind the register and in the stock room.

"I was really fortunate that Jane was willing to accept the challenge," said Wasielewski, who feels he is leaving the store in good hands.

Robertson will be working closely with Angel Henry, who has taken on a more active role with the store, according to Wasielewski. Like him, the grocery business is all Robertson has known. Prior to Conrad's, she worked at Food Giant in Marion.

Despite the experience, Robertson, a 1994 graduate of Crittenden County High School, said accepting her new role did not come easy.

"It took me a long time to come to the decision to take it," she said Friday. "I'm a little bit nervous."

Robertson said the family-like, relaxed atmosphere at the store is what she has cherished most about being a Conrad's employee and expects that will continue.

She added that loyal customers should have nothing to worry about, despite the change in management.

"There will be very little change," Robertson said. "It's a smooth transfer."

She and her husband, John, live in Crayne with two children – Emily, 16, and Cooper, 5.

FLOOD

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Webster County line, Ky. 135 was closed at mile-point 4 at Sawmill Hollow and Ky. 1917 was closed between mile-points 1.3 and 1.6.

Water was also reported over the highway on Ky. 135 at the Hurricane Creek Bridge.

The list of county roads closed at press time due to high water includes:

- Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road.
- E-Town Landing Road.
- Phin Croft Road.
- Weston Road.
- Baker Hollow Road.
- Long Branch Road.
- Blackford Church Road.
- Enon Church Road.
- Cool Springs Road.
- Providence Road.
- Charlie Wesmoland Road.
- Barnett Chapel Road.

Water over these roads has altered bus routes, according to Wayne Winters with Crittenden County Schools Transportation Department. In addition, Water Street in Tolu and Caney Fork Road have affected busing.

"We have four bus routes affected by high water at this time," Winters wrote in an email Monday afternoon. "There may be a couple more later in the week."

The list of roads under water will change over the coming days, according to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, as some waters continue to rise and others begin to subside. Rain forecast for today (Thursday) and Friday, could worsen flooding and delay the opening of roads.

Officials advise that driving through any water over a roadway is always discouraged.

The list of closures will be updated as available at The Press Online.

BANK

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noted that Farmers Bank has two other directors who live in Henderson.

Scott Audas, the bank's vice president of business development, is a Henderson resident and has served the market there for more than 20 years. He was most recently county president of another Henderson-area bank.

Erick Dalton, a director of Farmers Bank, is a partner in a financial advisory firm in Henderson.

The expansion comes at a time when banks, particularly community banks, are struggling. According to American Banker's website, the number of banks in the United States has sunk to its lowest level since the Great Depression. Also, as of Dec. 31, 2014, 8,649 commercial banks and savings institutions had closed since 1990, according to FDIC.gov.

Berry said Farmers Bank's strength and ability to expand into Henderson when so many institutions across the nation are struggling is due to its current employees and customers.



INTERNET IMAGE

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. in Marion will be expanding to Henderson County this summer. The local bank has purchased the former Fifth Third Bank at 1555 S. Green St. in Henderson.

"We have an amazing staff and the best customers in the world," he said. "Thanks to them, we've been able to achieve our goal of remaining healthy, strong and independent during times when many banks in our country have struggled. In fact, part of our basis for this expansion is the ability to serve our current customers with another convenient full-service office."

The numbers appear positive for Farmers Bank's expansion into a larger market. There are currently a total of 14 banking locations in Henderson County, according to FDIC.gov. When Farmers Bank opens its branch there, there will be almost 3,100 residents per banking location. By comparison, in Crittenden County, there are roughly 1,850 residents per banking location.

There are also a number of Crittenden County residents who work in Henderson that will be served by the new branch, said Chris Cook, executive vice president and operations officer.

Berry said Farmers Bank will not lose focus of what got the financial institution to where it is today.

"The role and importance of our main office will actually grow to support our expansion into Henderson," he said. "The team at our main office is excited about the tasks of serving our customers and community in Marion, supporting our Salem office and our Marion branch and now setting up and supporting our new location in Henderson County."

In fact, there are exciting plans for Farmers Bank's main office in downtown Marion.

"We'll be starting a remodel and update of our main office this year," Berry said.

DONATE

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ley said it's been a source of comfort for the family to know her granddaughter's wish has helped save the lives of others.

"Even though we've lost Gabby, she is living on through other people," Railey said. "There is a part of her that's living on."

In Kentucky, children under 18 can legally donate their organs and tissues with the consent of a parent or guardian. Organs that can be donated for transplantation include kidneys, heart, lungs, liver and pancreas. Tissues that can be donated include corneas, skin, heart valves, bones, saphenous veins and tendons.

While a part of Schanz lives on in others, administrators, staff and the teen's classmates at CCMS also want to preserve her memory. So on Feb. 5, a staff-versus-student basketball game was held as a fundraiser in her honor.

CCMS Guidance Counselor Lindsey Sever worked with the eighth-grade class to organize the event. Prior to the event, Sever said eighth-graders Hunter Boone and Wyatt Gipson toured all the homerooms and shared information on helping with the fundraiser and memorial. The students raised more than $700 for the memorial.

School officials have special ordered a concrete bird bath for the memorial area that is currently in front of the school's library. Sever said Schanz's name will be engraved on an embedded brass plaque for the memorial. Flowers will also be planted. Once the memorial is in place, balloons will be released in her honor.

A date for the dedication has not yet been set, but school officials indicated it will be held toward the end of the school year.

"Students and staff at CCMS loved Gabby very much," said the school's principal, Teresa Marshall. "To honor her, we wanted to dedicate a memorial so that she will always be remembered as a part of our school family."

Railey spoke on the outpouring of support shown by the community and school district officials immediately following her granddaughter's death. She credited school officials and the board of education for reaching out to her family during a very difficult time.

She also expressed hope that those who receive donated organs will educate others on the importance of giving the gift of life through such an act.

According to the website OrganDonor.gov, up to eight lives can be saved through organ donation and many others can be enhanced through tissue donation. In 2013, 28,954 people received organ transplants in the United States.

Joining Kentucky's donor registry can be done upon renewing a driver's license or by completing an online registration form at DonateLifeKy.org. More on organ donation can be found online at KyOrganDonor.org.

TIRES

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Municipal Utilities to burn waste tires as fuel in its operation.

Tires accepted at the road department this week include those on and off the rim for farm implements, bicycles, motorcycles, go-carts, ATVs, tractors, trucks and passenger cars.

Items not accepted include large over-the-road tires, tracks, sheet rubber, solid tires, calcium- or otherwise-filled tires and any tire with a bead greater than 1 ¾ inches.

Also, tires will not be accepted from retailers, scrap yards or recycling centers.

For further information, contact Crittenden County Solid Waste Coordinator Sue Padget at (270) 965-5251.

Sometime in April, the county will offer free dumping days at the convenience center behind the road department. No date had been set at press time.

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— City of Marion

Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2014 10	ADAMSON KENNETH & MELISSA	$58.37
2014 41	ASBRIDGE VICKI & JEFFERAY	$72.96
2014 51	BAKER JACK & VICKEY	$12.71
2014 58	BARNES JUDY	$11.38
2014 64	BATES ROBERT EARL & SYBRENA	$68.75
2014 138	BOYD JAMES A	$10.21
2014 139	BRADFORD CHARLES	$16.04
2014 164	BUNGER CARLA & DON	$70.04
2014 189	CATALINA MARKETING CORP	$0.05
2014 191	CAUDILL ROY DAVID	$29.19
2014 202	CLARK DENISE	$2.92
2014 214	COFFIELD LOUISE ET AL	$2.92
2014 227	CONGER DAVID & DAWNITA R	$7.30
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2014 307	CRUCE HERBERT EST	$3.51
2014 315	CURNEL RICKY	$46.69
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2014 648	HODGES DANNY K & VICKIE	$16.04
2014 656	HOLLOMAN KENNETH RAY & ANN	$65.67
2014 660	HOLLOWAY WENDELL	$58.37
2014 669	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	$29.19
2014 673	HUNT CAROL & BERNIE	$103.60
2014 693	HUNTER JOHN & MARILYN	$87.82
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2014 1201	SHIELDS HAZEL OR	$5.25
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